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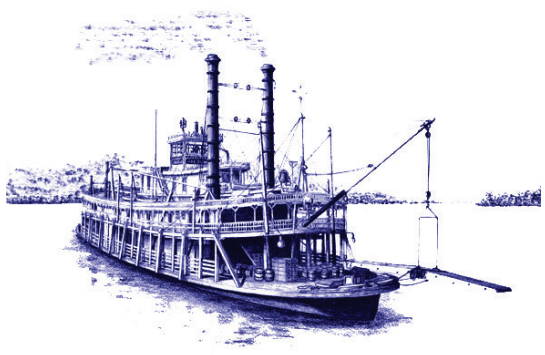

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County Council hears report on new jail

Black elected council president

BY BOB DEMAREE

With construction on the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center slated for completion this spring, some of the work has turned to how the facility will be secured in terms of access by visitors, employees and service vehicles delivering supplies.

Commissioner Bobby Little outlined plans at Tuesday's County Council meeting to create a single access point for deliveries with a gate for entries and another gate for departures with vehicles traveling a service road around the facility. Little said the setup will allow for better security and better monitoring of delivery vehicles as they arrive and exit.

Little said there have been some adjustments made in the original plans for gating and fencing due to what Little described as the "ludicrous" cost of those elements of the project. He said he will be seeking bids from local fence contractors on a more cost effective design that still provides security and controls access.

Little noted there will also be separate entrance for staff and training, and another entrance for the public.

The jail is slated for completion later this year, and Little sees it coming together more and more every day.

"It's exciting out there," Little said, noting a lot of progress is being made. "Today I was out there and they were pouring sidewalks and curbs" on the outside and "painting the cell fronts and walls, and hanging dry wall" on the inside "The water is on and the electric is in."

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SUPPORTING SADDLETREE

Bob Demaree

The inaugural Madison's Wild West Rodeo performed before sold-out crowds two nights in 2022 and will be returning this year on Sept. 22-23. An event leading up to the rodeo, a Madison's Wild West Rodeo Fashion Show, was a fundraiser in which a portion of the proceeds were earmarked for the Schoeder Saddletree Factory Museum. Earlier this week, a check for $5,000 was presented to Historic Madison Inc., owner of the restored 19th-century saddletree factory. The fashion show will also take place again this year on Aug. 22. Event producers Ellie Troutman and Tayler Rinehart are hoping that even bigger donations can be made to the museum in the future with both seeing the rodeo's support of the factory museum a perfect complement for what the history of saddlemaking has brought to the sport. "We want to give back," said Troutman. John Staicer, HMI president and executive director, thanked the rodeo for its investment in the musuem. Those pictured at the check presentation are (from left) — Alex Helton, rodeo director of operations, Troutman and Rinehart presenting the check to Jessica Spiess, HMI director of programs, and Staicer.

Jupiter String Quartet to perform Friday

CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

Living in a small town like Madison, it's pretty much a certainty that one of the great symphony orchestras will never perform in our humble community. We're just too small, and the logistics and cost are too great. But what we can experience is one of the truly elite, award-winning string quartets, at 7 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 13, at First Baptist Church.

The Jupiter String Quartet performance is part of the always entertaining Madison Performing Arts Foundation series. The series has brought some amazing musical talent to town over the years, including some of the foremost musicians on violin, trumpet, piano and even harpsichord!

The Jupiter String Quartet has been together more than two decades, and they rank among the very best ensembles in the country performing this style of intimate and evocative classical music. I caught up with Nelson Lee, one of two violinists in the group, along with a viola and a cello.

Handout by Sarah Gardner

The award-winning Jupiter String Quartet (from left) — Daniel McDonough, cello, Meg Freivoge, violin; Liz Freivogel, viola, and Nelson Lee, violin — will perform at 7 p.m. on Friday at First Baptist Church as part of the Madison Performing Arts Foundation series. The performance is free but donations are encouraged.

"String quartet is one of the most interactive forms of classical music, as opposed to the huge philharmonic orchestras," explains Lee. "We actually sit in a semi-circle when we perform, so we can see each and respond to what the others are doing.

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SW school board elects officers, assigns committees

BY BOB DEMAREE

Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation began 2023 with three school board members returning to start new terms after being reelected in the 2022 general election.

Laura Boldery, chief financial officer for the school corporation, officially swore in Lacie Deputy, John Jones and Rick Stockdale at the start of the board's regular meeting and issued a welcome. "Congratulations, and welcome back to the Southwestern school board. We're glad to have you."

The board also elected its officers for the year with Stockdale once again serving as president and Jones as vice president. Misty Jacobs was elected treasurer, taking over for Jonathon Simpson, who had served in that position last year.

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Madison Plan Commission to recommend zoning change for company

Plan, BZA elect officers

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison's Plan Commission on Monday agreed to endorse an application to rezone two adjoining parcels of property in the 3100 block of Clifty Drive from General Business to Light Industry to allow a company from Kentucky to locate a factory that builds metal hand rails, piping, supports and other industrial equipment primarily used in local power plants but also found in other applications.

Story Properties LLC, a group from Ewing, Kentucky, wants to locate at 3122 and 3134 Clifty Drive, where the company would do light manufacturing such as welding, grinding, cutting and assembling equipment used in industrial applications and employ up to eight workers. The company already services power plants in Ghent, Kentucky, and Wise Landing in Trimble County but would look to expand business into Indiana once operational.

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KU to close Carrollton business office

Closure to impact total of 26 offices

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Kentucky's primary gas and electric provider announced plans to shutter all 26 of its walk-in business offices — including the Kentucky Utilities Company office in Carrollton, Kentucky — the over the next two years.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company said in a recent news release that the decision comes as more people use their online and telephone services. Walk-in traffic at the offices has declined by 42% since 2014, spokesperson Liz Pratt said.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are part of the PPL Corporation. LG&E serves 333,000 natural gas and 429,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties, according to its website. KU serves 566,000 electric customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia.

The business offices employ around 70 people. Pratt said the company is working to find other roles for those employees. The office closures are expected to occur in phases between now and the end of 2024. The Carrollton business office, located at 215 Eleventh Street, is scheduled to close March 31.

Bartlett seeking reelection to city council

Deadline to file is at noon Feb. 3

BY THE COURIER STAFF

With just over three weeks left to file paperwork to run in the May 2023 primary election, so far there have been four candidates file for office.

Most recently Jim Bartlett filed for reelection for Madison City Council At-Large on Monday morning. Initially elected in 2019, Bartlett will be seeking his second term as a Republican.

On Friday, Patrick Thevenow, also a Republican, filed for reelection in City Council District 1. Earlier last week, Bob Courtney and Dan Dattilo both filed their candidacies for Mayor.

Courtney, the Republican incumbent, is seeking his second term while Dattilo, the Democrat challenger, is making a bid for mayor after currently serving his second term as City Council At-Large.

The filing deadline is noon on Friday, Feb. 3. Primary election day is Tuesday, May 2, with the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Madison city offices on the ballot this year include mayor, clerk-treasurer, five council districts and two council at-large seats.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 10-25-26-28-34-35 (1/7). Next Estimated Jackpot: $7.8 million. Next Drawing (1/11).
Daily 3: 3-4-2 SB: 3
Daily 4: 3-7-8-5 SB: 3
Cash Five: 4-10-23-24-27 (1/10)
Cash 4 Life: 3-15-44-54-57 CB: 2 (1/10)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 3-8-5
Pick 4: 1-3-1-4
Cash Ball: 12-15-24-35 CB: 11 (1/10)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 14-15-27-38-39 (1/10)
Lucky For Life: 7-15-29-41-43 LB: 5 (1/10)

MEGAMILLIONS
7-13-14-15-18 MB: 9, MP x3 (1/10). Next Jackpot: $1.35 billion. Next Drawing (1/13)

POWERBALL
18-43-48-60-69 PB: 14, PP: 3 (1/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: $360 million. Next Drawing (1/11)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
19-41-47-53-54 PB: 25 (1/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/11)

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Jan. 10

Shaun Wayne Sublett, 44, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Released on own recognizance.

Brooke Charlotte Wanda Sue Walters, 30, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor, Bond $500 cash.

David Albert Brown Jr., 55, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear-2 counts. Bond $500 cash each.

Joseph Michael Carter, 52, Indianapolis, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

Dax Abram Youngblood, 22, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

Jan. 9

Kent Jason Koehler, 50, Lexington, Indiana, to amended charge of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 5 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 3 days served and 4 years and 362 days suspended for supervised probation with Jefferson County Adult Probation and no contact orders to remain in place during probation.

Ryan M. Cox, 28, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Violation within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served plus $185.50 in fees and court costs.

Kristen Lee Fillingim, 40, Hanover, for Driving While Suspended-Violation within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $185.50 in fees and court costs.

Payton Alan Hilfiker, 20, Noblesville, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle with a BAC of .08 or more, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended for supervised probation plus $500.50 in fees and court costs.

Amara Honor Voss, 21, Verona, Wisconsin, to amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement-Forcible Obstruction, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days served and 355 days suspended for probation plus $300 in fees and court costs.

Michael Steven Lehman III, 21, Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended for 33 days supervised probation plus $400.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 90 days.

Michael A. Potts, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangering, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended for probation plus $500.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended 90 days.

Trace C. Harris, 24, Madison, for Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail with credit for two days served plus $185 in fees and court costs.

Timothy Raymond McDonald, Madison, for Possession of a Controlled Substance-Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for zero days served and 365 days suspended for supervised probation.

Johnathan Curtis Hooker, 21, Hanover, for Domestic Battery Committed in the Presence of a Child Less Than 16, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 6 days served and 534 days suspended for supervised probation plus $460 in fees and court costs with no contact order in place.

Michael Shane Burress, 53, Madison, to amended charge of Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended for supervised probation plus $300 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jan. 9

Adam Thompson and Pamela S. Martin to Kelley Furst, 143 Wooded Court, Hanover.

DAC Properties LLC to LIS Family Properties LLC and LI'S Family Properties LLC, 1120 and 114 Miles Ridge Road, Madison.

Robert D. Lipperd and Rhonda B Lipperd to Nathan William Lipperd, 5198 West 700 North, Madison.

Cooper Ty McCoy to Avery J. Halcomb, 2 Cobblestone Way, Madison.

Eddie D. Burchett and Jacqueline L. Burchett to Paul Hastings, 9000+ East Doe Run Road, Madison.

Grover Anderson to GJTJJ Realty LLC, 14189 West Walnut Street, Deputy.

Tonia M. Cline, Jason G. Anderson and Loretta S. Anderson (estate) to GJTJJ Realty LLC, 14189 West Walnut Street, Deputy.

David R. Terrell to Elizabth Chappa, parts of 1755 and 1825+ East Dugan Hollow Road, Madison.

Elizabeth Chappa to Robert Strycker and Renee Strycker, part of 1755 East Dugan Hollow Road, Madison.

Grover Anderson to GJTJJ Realty LLC, 7334 West Interstate Block Road, Madison.

Tonia M. Cline, Jason G. Anderson and Loretta S. Anderson (estate) to GJTJJ Realty LLC, half interest in 7334 West Interstate Block Road, Madison.

Jan. 10

W. Sterling Folk and Deborah M. Folk to Penshell Properties LLC, 1711 Bear Street, Madison.

ZONING

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The company picked Madison for its close proximity to existing clients and potential for expansion. The satellite plant, in the former Grace Fellowship Church building near the intersection of Interstate Block Road, would allow the company to save about two hours of travel and most of the employees are already residents of Indiana.

The factory would have a business office and shop and be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The Plan Commission voted to unanimously approve the application and will recommend its adoption to Madison City Council.

In other business, the Plan Commission conducted its election of officers since the meeting was the group's first of the year. Josh Wilber was elected as president while Patrick Thevenow was elected vice president and ex-officio Jo Patterson will serve as secretary.

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Later on Monday, the Board of Zoning Appeals also met with one of its lighter agendas in some time.

In addition to the BZA's routine business, the board elected officers for 2023 with Scott Baldwin once again serving as chairman, Nancy Burkhardt as vice chairman and Joe Patterson as secretary.

The BZA also adopted its rules and procedures with no changes over the guidelines reviewed by board members at and after a recent meeting.

In other discussions, the BZA talked about the impact new policies approved by Madison City Council last year could have on the BZA application process. The board routinely deals with renewals that are paid late and under new policies approved by Madison City Council last year, there will be late fees assessed in addition to the renewal fees when renewals are not paid on time.

The BZA has made it a policy to approve applications pending payment of fees but in the future that could also involve the fees and well as all late fees.

JAIL

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Little said the new jail will provide for more efficiency and more security, noting the current facility "is three levels of inefficiency." The new jail will all be on one level with the "control room right in middle; you can walk all the way around and see the whole thing."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

• Last year's general election produced little turnover in the County Council with Ray Denning, Chris Shelton and Ray Black Jr. beginning new four-year terms. The only newcomer is Dwayne May, replacing Judy Smith who did not seek reelection after nearly 17 years on the Council.

"I'm excited to be here, and if you really think about it, there's a lot of exciting things coming to Jefferson County down the road," May said at his first meeting. "I look forward to working … It's an honor to be here. Judy was good with numbers and with people. She cared about people of the Fourth District so I'm going to try to continue that."

• Black was elected president of the County Council, replacing Denning who was president in 2022. Heather Foy was elected vice president, replacing Smith. Black was the only nominee for president. However, Pam Crozier and Foy were nominated for vice president with Foy winning by a 3-2 vote. Both Crozier and Foy abstained from the vote.

• Board appointments were made by the Council with May named to the Emergency Management Agency Board, Shelton to the Insurance Board, Foy to the Public Defender Board, Denning to Community Corrections Board and Black to the 911 Board. Additionally, Smith, who has served as the County Council's appointment to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, was reappointed since that appointee does not necessarily have to be a member of County Council.

• Approved meeting guidelines for 2023. County Auditor Heather Huff said it was recommended at newly elected official training in December by the Association of Indiana Counties that all boards adopt guidelines at their first meeting of the year. The guidelines include a requirement to contact the County Auditor's office at least 24 hours prior to a meeting in order to be added to the agenda. They also stated that public comment must be limited to three minutes unless the council president grants additional time.

• Approved a salary ordinance that provides for changes in positions at the County Sheriff's office and jail, which allows for a reallocation of funds.

• Heard the first reading of an ordinance on the Sheriff's department commissary that allows the proceeds to be used to pay specific bills, a requirement by the State Board of Accounts. There will be a second reading at next month's County Council meeting, and Huff said if there are no objections the Council can vote to approve without a third reading.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:57 a.m.
Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Temperature: High 52, Low 44, Mean 48.0, Excess 17.8
Precipitation since last published: 0.
Precipitation, January 2023: 1.77
Precipitation, 2023: 1.77
Barometer: 29.52, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 425.2, Falling
Forecast: Friday: Cloudy High 36/Low 27; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 40/Low 27; Sunday: Mostly cloudy High 48/Low 38.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

JAN. 14
• Dave Taylor

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• Wayne Engle

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• Sara Minor
• Aaron Paul Wood

JAN. 17
• Lisa Crutchfield

JAN. 18
• Kim Nyberg

JAN. 19
• Scott Tebbe

OBITUARIES

Andy Damm

Andrew "Andy" G. Damm, 60, of Zionsville, Indiana, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, after battling cancer.

He was born on June 23, 1962, in Batesville, Indiana, to Robert L. Damm and Judy K. Ruggles Zion Damm. He grew up in Madison, Indiana, where enjoyed the support of the community and graduated from Madison Consolidated High School. He attended Vincennes University where he earned a degree in Diesel Engineering. He was a loyal fan of hydroplane racing and attending the Madison Regatta, which he did not miss from 1968 through July 2022. He was employed as an engineer with various companies involved in manufacturing medical equipment and industrial manufacturing and was vice president of Tri-K Machining Inc. in Danville, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Betsy Irmen Damm on Oct. 13, 1990, and they had two sons, whom he coached and supported in their many sports and activities. He enjoyed vacations, camping trips, boating adventures, sporting events, Easter extravaganzas and game nights with family and friends. He was a religious man and served multiple ministries and callings including more than 20 years leading the youth ministry at St. Alphonosus Catholic Church. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and multiple parish ministries and projects supporting the parish community and volunteered at the Lord's Pantry in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his mother; his wife of 32 years; his sons, Mitch Damm and Stephen Damm; his brother, David Damm; his sister, Angela Craig-Damm; and two grandsons, two nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Zionsville with visitation one hour prior to Mass. Visitation will also be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at Flanner Buchanan Funeral Home in Zionsville, with the Rosary prayed at 7:30 p.m. Inurnment will be in Our Lady of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Indianapolis at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Assistance Fund, 4700 Millenia Blvd., Suite 410 Orlando, FL 32839, in his memory. Donations help patients get access to critical treatment and ease their financial burden. Gifts may go to one of more than 70 disease programs or give unrestricted where the need is the greatest.

Online condolences, www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Bill Strasemeier

US Army Sgt. First Class George William "Bill" Strasemeier (RET), 76, of La Porte, Texas, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at a hospital in Pasadena, Texas.

He was born on Sept. 20, 946, in Madison, Indiana, to Charles C. and Mary Louise Sargent Strasemeier. He was raised in Madison and graduated from high school there. He was inducted into the US Army on Dec. 12, 1964, during the Vietnam War, and honorably discharged on Nov. 2, 1972, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, having served with Company A, Second Battalion, First Army. He re-enlisted and served until his retirement on Oct. 31, 1984, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as an E-7 Sergeant First Class. He received many medals and commendations in his 22 years of service including six Good Conduct Medals, the Air Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with One Silver Service Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Service Ribbon Medal, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Survivors include a sister, Linda Springer of Hanover, Indiana; his companion, Lori Staton; his adopted daughter, Kristy; his best friend, Rick McClelland; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Sharon Louise Strasemeier Bell on Dec. 11, 1995 and Nancy Carol Strasemeier on May 14, 1984; and his stepmother, Lillian Mae Kirtley Strasemeier on Jan. 9, 1987.

Military honors will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Madison with interment to follow at the cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Bill Burkhardt

William Frederick "Bill" Burkhardt, 75, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Earl Lamb

Earl Lamb, 83, of Deputy, Indiana, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Brenda Evans

Brenda Sue Derr Evans, 75, of Hanover, Indiana, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at Thornton Terrace in Hanover.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1947, in Dayton, Ohio, to Harry Lincoln Derr and Mary Alice Hammons. She held a master's of library science from The University of Illinois and was the children's librarian at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library for 30 years. She loved organizing events for children of the county, including story hours, themed book parties and summer reading programs. She was a storyteller who captivated children through her energy, use of the felt board, and visits to classrooms. She was a member of Hanover Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years.

Survivors include her children, Scott Evans of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Michael Evans of San Francisco and Eric Evans of Hanover; two sisters, Belinda McWilliams and Edith Milam; and two grandchildren and other family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 42 years, Dr. Robert C. Evans, in 2015; and three siblings, Shirley Medwid, Greta Snyder and Milferd Cordell.

Funeral services will be private with burial at Hanover Cemetery.

A public memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Hanover Presbyterian Church, with a reception to follow at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Grayson Funeral Home in New Washington, Indiana. Online condolences, www.graysonfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Gullion

Beverly Gullion, 77, of Indianapolis and formerly of Scottsburg, Indiana, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at her home.

She was born on March 29, 1945, in Oakland, California, to L.R. "Bill" and Helen Manford Chase. She grew up in Madison, Indiana, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church there. She was a 1963 graduate of Madison High School and completed her bachelor's degree at Indiana University in 1966, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, and her master's degree from East Texas State University in 1971. She married her high school sweetheart, John Gullion, on May 29, 1966, in Madison. She followed her mother's footsteps into education and taught for more than 28 years. Her first teaching job was in 1967 at Wilmer-Hutchins School in Texas. She moved back to her hometown of Madison and taught there for one year. She and her husband were both offered teaching positions at Scott County School District 2 which allowed her to teach at Johnson, Vienna and Scottsburg Elementary schools. She also served as curriculum director for Scott County School District 2 for many years and was instrumental in establishing the kindergarten program there. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener but a better supervisor on irrigation and weed control. She loved spending time with her family including vacations and trips to Disney. She was a generous person and her love for early childhood development and education led her to continue working in that field including creating Scottsburg Academy in 1995, a private school for the academically gifted. She enjoyed directing children's plays and musicals. She later created and started the Imagination Station in Madison in 2010, operating it full time until her retirement in 2015. She moved to Scottsburg in 2011 and later to Indianapolis in 2017 to be closer to her family.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years of Indianapolis; four children, Christy Deaton, John Gullion and Jonathan Gullion, all of Indianapolis and Cara Alfele of Scottsdale, Arizona; a cousin, Jacquelyn Craig Burke, who was like a sister; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Adams Family Funeral Homes & Crematory in Scottsburg with cremation to follow.

Memorial donations may be given through the funeral home to The Hope Scholarship Fund at Heritage Christian School where her daughter teaches.

For Online condolences and a memorial video log, visit www.adamsfuneralhomeonline.com.

Martha Taflinger

Martha Jean Taflinger, 78, of Lexington, Indiana, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1944, in Lexington, to Ernest "Red" and Anna Marie McNeeley Reece. She married James L. Taflinger on Sept. 7, 1968, and lived most of her life in Scott and Clark counties in Indiana. She was owner of Martha's Beauty Shop in Lexington, a member of Bethel Christian Church in New Washington, Indiana, and a member of the O.E.S. Blazing Bright Chapter No. 597 in Charlestown, Indiana, for many years. She enjoyed cooking, volunteering, fishing, sewing, gardening and supporting the fire departments in Hanover and New Washington.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years of Lexington; a son, Paul Brian Taflinger of Lexington; two brothers, Dale Reece of Austin, Indiana and Claude R. Reece of Madison, Indiana; and two granddaughters, Jessica Rynea Taflinger of Hope, Indiana and Jodi Lee Taflinger of Madison; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other family.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation was chosen with arrangements entrusted to Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, Indiana.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Kosair Children's Hospital through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.collinsfuneralhome.net.

Mary Adams

Mary Elaine Turner Adams, 97, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at her home in Carrollton.

She was born on July 5, 1925, at Eagle Station in Carroll County, Kentucky, to Arch Edward Turner and Daisy Dean Walker Turner. She retired as a sales associate from McAlpin's Department Store in Cincinnati and later worked at Cartmell Elementary School in Carrollton as a cafeteria worker. She was a member of Worthville Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Jessica Noel Gierhart of Columbus, Ohio; and two great grandchildren, Max and Lilly Gierhart of Columbus; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur Thomas "Art" Adams on Jan. 13, 2018; her son, Gregory Thomas Adams in 1979; three sisters, Dorothy Hartman, Lutie Furnish and Ruby Turner; and two brothers, Raymond and Floyd Turner.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, at Vine Street Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati. Visitation is 4 p.m. until the time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Worthville Baptist Church, 53 Jackson Ridge Road, Worthville, Kentucky, 41098.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Mitchell

Betty Jo Mitchell, 73 of Versailles, Indiana, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters Health in Madison, Indiana.

She was born in Evansville, Indiana, on Aug. 28, 1949, to Clarence and Louise Westerman Jordan. She graduated from Jac-Cen-Del High School in 1967 and attended Ball State University, where she received a master's in education. She taught English and Spanish for more than 30 years at Blackford County, Indiana. She enjoyed her career and taking students on trips to Japan and Canada. She spent countless hours offering tutoring and volunteered hours to a Suicide Hotline. She was a Christian and was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Osgood.

Survivors include a daughter, Ramona Mitchell of Osgood, two sisters Brenda Warren of Osgood and Angela Meadors of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; two grandchildren, Andrew Mitchell of Indianapolis and Erica Mitchell of Versailles; and several nieces and nephews, a great niece and a great nephew.

Funeral services will be at noon on Friday, Jan. 13, at Neal's Funeral Home in Osgood. Burial will take place at Greendale Cemetery near Osgood. Visitation is 10 a.m until time of services in Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials contributions may be given to Ripley County Humane Society through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.Nealsfuneralhome.net.

Ralph Harmon

Ralph Harmon, 101, of Milton, Kentucky, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, Indiana.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Randsell Funeral Home in Bedford, Kentucky, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of
Mrs. Margaret Catherine Greenhill Phillips

Mrs. Margaret Catherine Greenhill Phillips, age 96, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on July 13, 1926 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was the loving daughter of the late Harry P. and Irene C. Willman Greenhill. She moved to southern Indiana at a young age and remained in the area for the remainder of her life. She married John C. Phillips and from this marriage came three wonderful children. Margaret worked at Conn Organ for many years until they shut down in 1974. She then worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Kortokrax and Dr. Hamilton until her retirement in 1989. She was heavily involved in her church at Faith Alliance (24/7), and was passionate about reading her Bible daily. She also enjoyed gardening, being with her dogs, and spending time with her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. After becoming a resident at Lincoln Hills she lead a daily Bible study with her fellow residents. Margaret died on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 8:53 a.m. at the Lincoln Hills Health Care Center in New Albany, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Margaret will be missed by her loving daughter, Janet Bowyer of Westport, Indiana; her loving sons, Michael Phillips and his wife, Deborah of Elizabethtown, Indiana, John Fred Phillips of Madison, Indiana; her grandchildren, Kim, Angie, Doug, Elijah, and Nicole; her great-grandchildren, Tara, Brittany, Danielle, Allie, Doug, Braydon, Hannah, Tori, Casey, Tyler, Tory, Fox, Landon and Tristan; her great-great- grandchildren, Braxton, Avery, Jordan, Owen, Emily, Mason, Ryker, Cami, Easton, Brody, and Kaison; her sister, Vera Walters of Dupont, Indiana; her sisters in law, Mary Nadine Greenhill of Madison, Indiana and Betty Phillips of Madison, Indiana; her brother in law, Calvin Booth of Pleasureville, Kentucky; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Harry P. Greenhill, her mother, Irene C. Willman Greenhill, her husband , John C. Phillips, died May 2, 1997, her sister, Rita Booth, her brothers, Raymond Phillips and Charles L. Greenhill, her great great granddaughter, Amelia Herbert, and her son in law, Edward Earl Bowyer, died May 25, 2003.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. By Pastor Chris Hostetler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 in Madison, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

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Family & friends are encouraged to visit our online condolence registry at www.morgan-nay.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

FOOD GIVEAWAY

North Madison Christian Church
1400 East State Road 62
8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28

The church food pantry will hold a distribution from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the church, 1400 East State Road 62.

No qualifications required. For more information, call 812-273-1601.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
331 East Main St, Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

HOUSE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

JESUS CLOTHES CLOSET

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call 812-866-4843.

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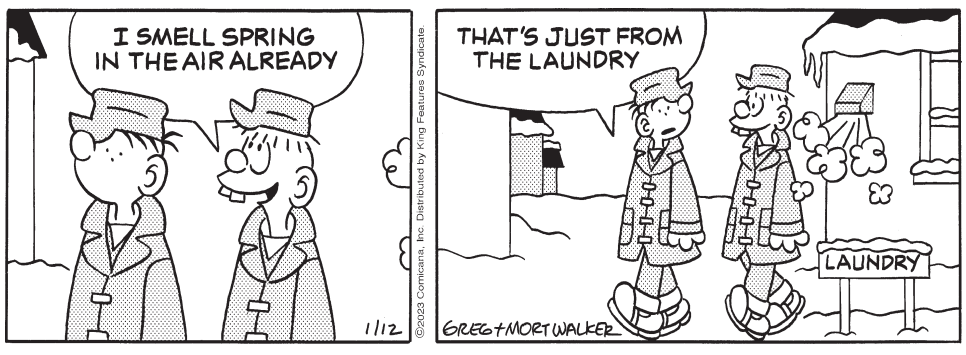
I SMELL SPRING IN THE AIR ALREADY
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THAT'S JUST FROM THE LAUNDRY
LAUNDRY
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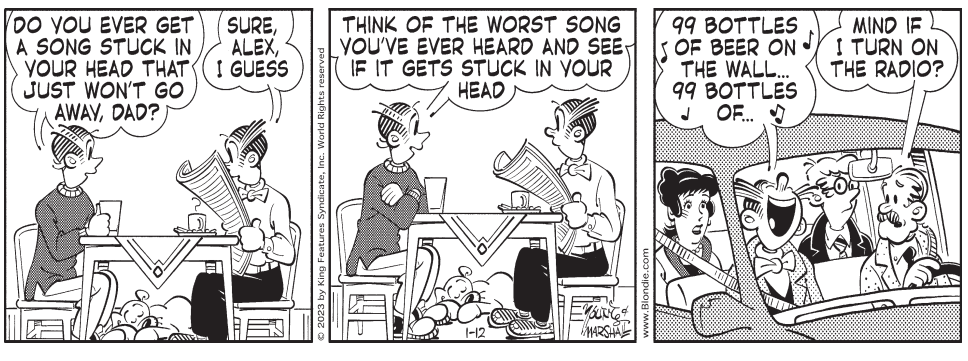
DO YOU EVER GET A SONG STUCK IN YOUR HEAD THAT JUST WON'T GO AWAY, DAD?
SURE, ALEX, I GUESS
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THINK OF THE WORST SONG YOU'VE EVER HEARD AND SEE IF IT GETS STUCK IN YOUR HEAD
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99 BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL... 99 BOTTLES OF...
MIND IF I TURN ON THE RADIO?
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

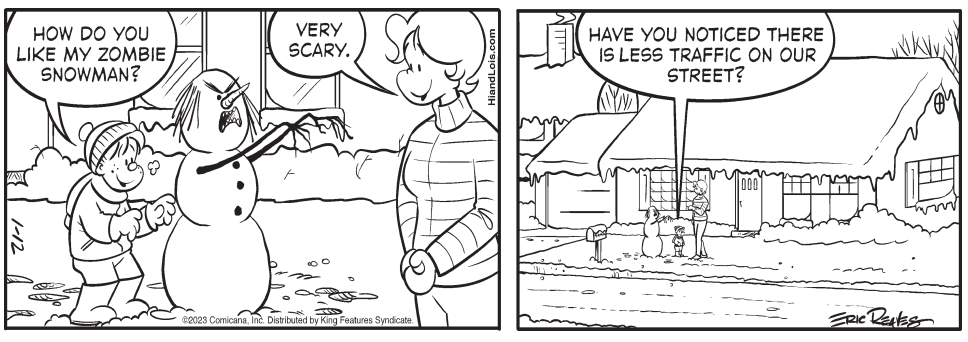
By Bil Keane

"Could the snake really talk, or was it like one of the Muppets?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I DON'T THINK THESE PENS ARE REFILLABLE... JUST SO YOU KNOW."

HI & LOIS


HOW DO YOU LIKE MY ZOMBIE SNOWMAN?
VERY SCARY.
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HAVE YOU NOTICED THERE IS LESS TRAFFIC ON OUR STREET?
ERIC REYES

BABY BLUES

COACH, HOW DO YOU THINK ZOE IS DOING?
WELL, THERE'S A REAL POSSIBILITY...
AAAAUUUUGHHH!
...THAT SHE MAY SURVIVE THE FIRST LESSON.
A LITTLE HELP?
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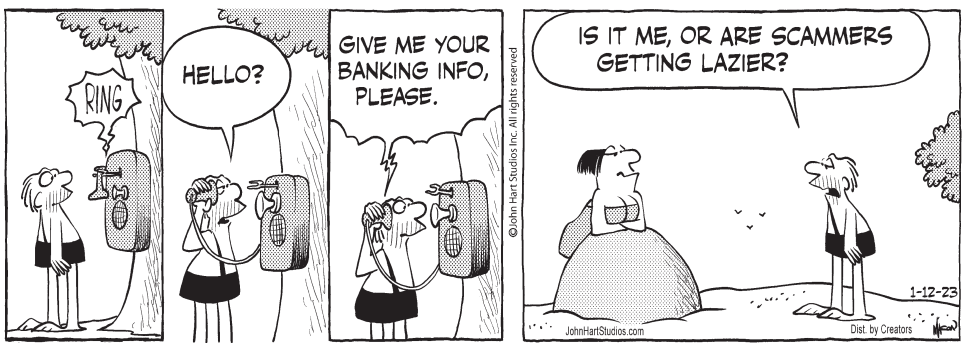

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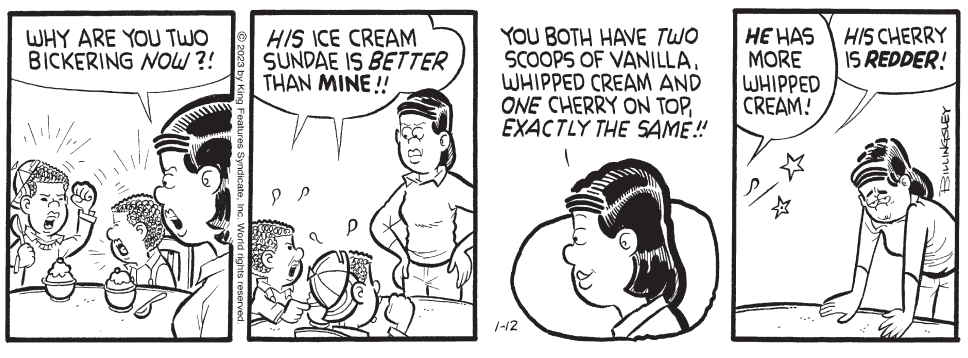
WHY ARE YOU TWO BICKERING NOW?!
HIS ICE CREAM SUNDAE IS BETTER THAN MINE!!
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YOU BOTH HAVE TWO SCOOPS OF VANILLA, WHIPPED CREAM AND ONE CHERRY ON TOP, EXACTLY THE SAME!!
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HE HAS MORE WHIPPED CREAM!
HIS CHERRY IS REDDER!
BILWILKERSLEY

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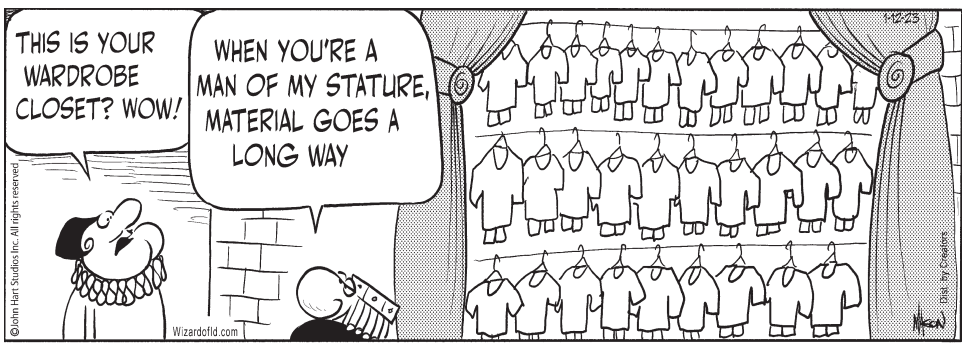
THIS IS YOUR WARDROBE CLOSET? WOW!
WHEN YOU'RE A MAN OF MY STATURE, MATERIAL GOES A LONG WAY
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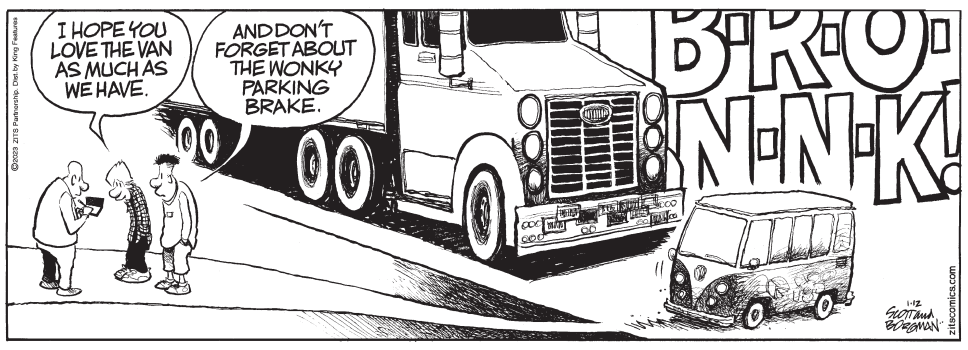
I HOPE YOU LOVE THE VAN AS MUCH AS WE HAVE.
AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE WONKY PARKING BRAKE.
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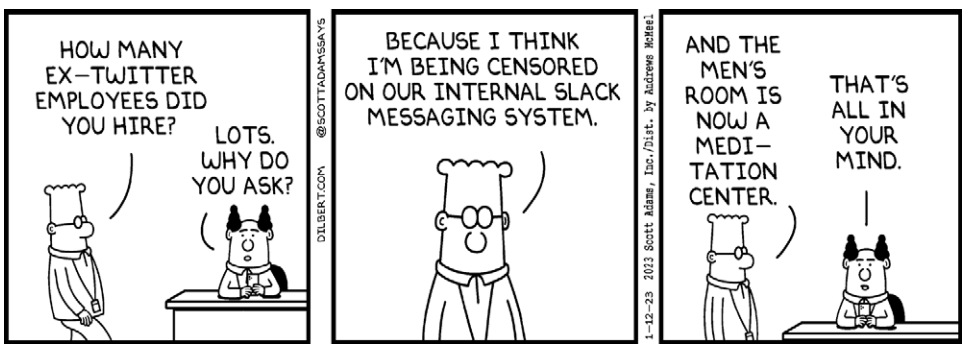
HOW MANY EX-TWITTER EMPLOYEES DID YOU HIRE?
LOTS. WHY DO YOU ASK?
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BECAUSE I THINK I'M BEING CENSORED ON OUR INTERNAL SLACK MESSAGING SYSTEM.
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AND THE MEN'S ROOM IS NOW A MEDI-TATION CENTER.
THAT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND.

GARFIELD

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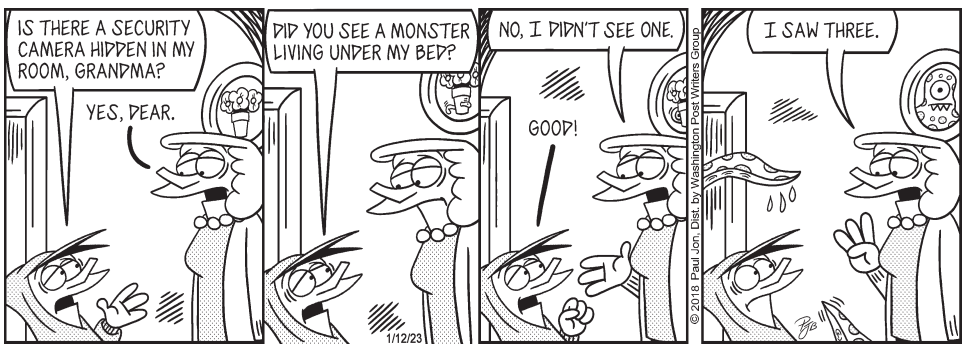
THAT WAS GOOD UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE
JIM DAVIS 1-12

FORT KNOX


IS THERE A SECURITY CAMERA HIDDEN IN MY ROOM, GRANDMA?
YES, DEAR.
DID YOU SEE A MONSTER LIVING UNDER MY BED?
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NO, I DIDN'T SEE ONE.
GOOD!
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I SAW THREE.

PICKLES

ARE YOU HUNGRY?
YEAH.
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WELL, GRAMMA'S NOT HERE, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I DON'T KNOW.
I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WHIP UP SOMETHING OURSELVES.
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WELL, IF WE HAD SOME BACON, WE COULD HAVE SOME BACON AND EGGS, IF WE HAD SOME EGGS.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2023. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette — it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. Aircraft from U.S. Task Force 38 sank about 40 Japanese ships off Indochina.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped. The TV series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered on ABC.

In 1969, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Illinois v. Wardlow, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake; the Haitian government said 316,000 people were killed, while a report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development suggested the death toll may have been between 46,000 and 85,000.

In 2016, Iran detained 10 American sailors and their two small Navy boats after the boats drifted into Iranian waters; the sailors and their vessels were released the following day.

Ten years ago: The NHL's four-month lockout finally ended as the league and the players' association completed signing a required memorandum of understanding. Gary Stevens won the first race at Santa Anita, giving the Hall of Fame jockey his first win in North America since 2005, when he began a seven-year retirement that had recently ended. (Stevens rode 5-1 shot Branding to a 2 1/2-length victory in his third race since beginning his comeback on Jan. 6, 2013.)

Five years ago: President Donald Trump's White House physician, Dr. Ronny Jackson, declared him in "excellent health" after the president received his first checkup at Walter Reed military hospital. Sportscaster Keith Jackson, best known as the down-home voice of college football, died; he was 89. John Tunney, whose successful campaign for a California seat in the U.S. Senate was the basis for the Robert Redford film "The Candidate," died in Los Angeles at the age of 83.

One year ago: The House panel investigating the U.S. Capitol insurrection requested an interview and records from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy as it continued to seek first-hand details from members of Congress on former President Donald Trump's actions on Jan. 6; McCarthy issued a statement saying he would refuse to cooperate, accusing the panel of an "abuse of power." The government reported that inflation jumped in December at its fastest year-over-year pace in nearly four decades, surging 7%. Ronnie Spector, who sang 1960s hits including "Be My Baby" as leader of the girl group The Ronettes, died at 78 after a brief battle with cancer.

Today's birthdays: The Amazing Kreskin is 88. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 84. Actor Anthony Andrews is 75. Movie director Wayne Wang is 74. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 72. Writer Walter Mosley is 71. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 71. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 69. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 66. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 65.

BEETLE BAILEY

AND THE SOLDIER OF THE WEEK IS... BEETLE BAILEY ?!
GREG + MORT WALKER
THAT'S THE LAST TIME I LET YOU GUYS VOTE
YAY!
YAHOO!
HOORAY!
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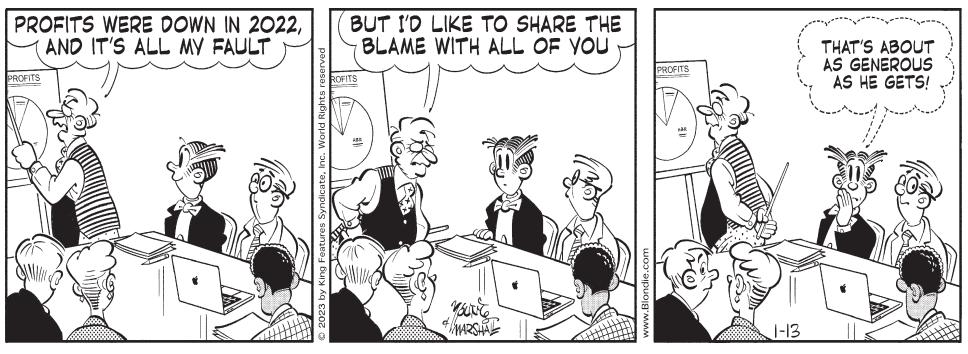
PROFITS WERE DOWN IN 2022, AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT
PROFITS
BUT I'D LIKE TO SHARE THE BLAME WITH ALL OF YOU
PROFITS
THAT'S ABOUT AS GENEROUS AS HE GETS!
PROFITS
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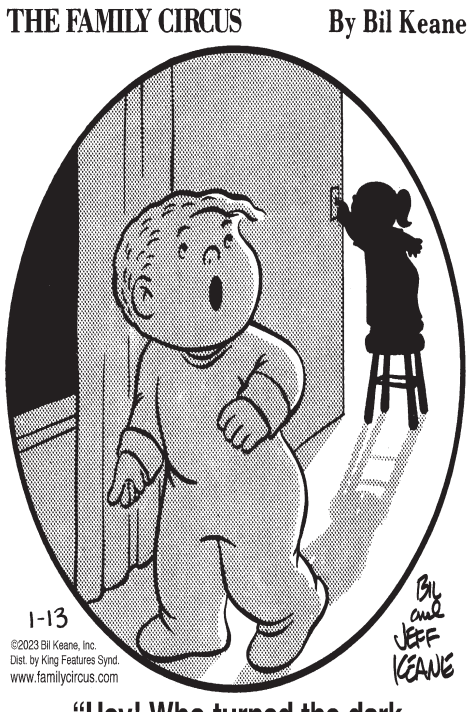
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Hey! Who turned the dark on me?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'M SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT BURNING OUR WELCOME MAT!"

HI & LOIS

BABY BLUES

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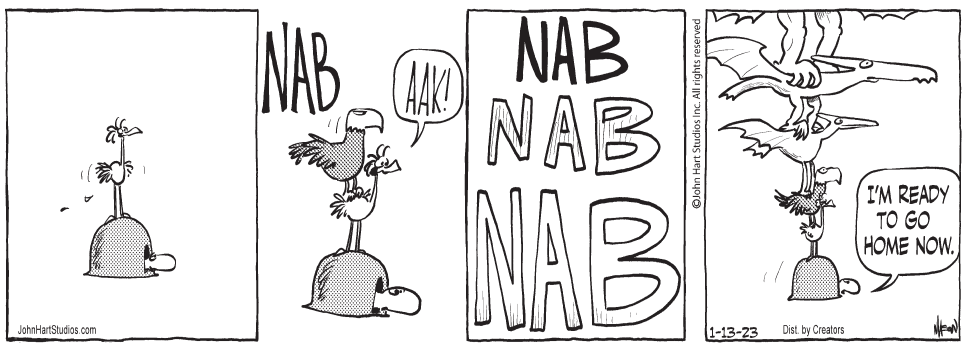

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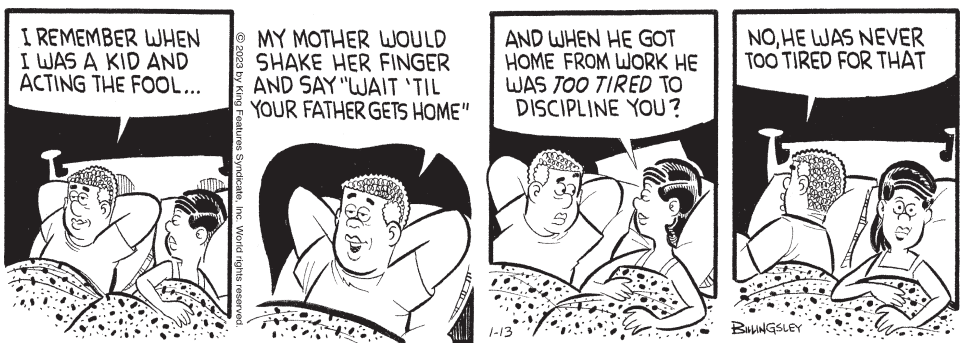
I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A KID AND ACTING THE FOOL...
MY MOTHER WOULD SHAKE HER FINGER AND SAY "WAIT 'TIL YOUR FATHER GETS HOME"
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AND WHEN HE GOT HOME FROM WORK HE WAS TOO TIRED TO DISCIPLINE YOU?
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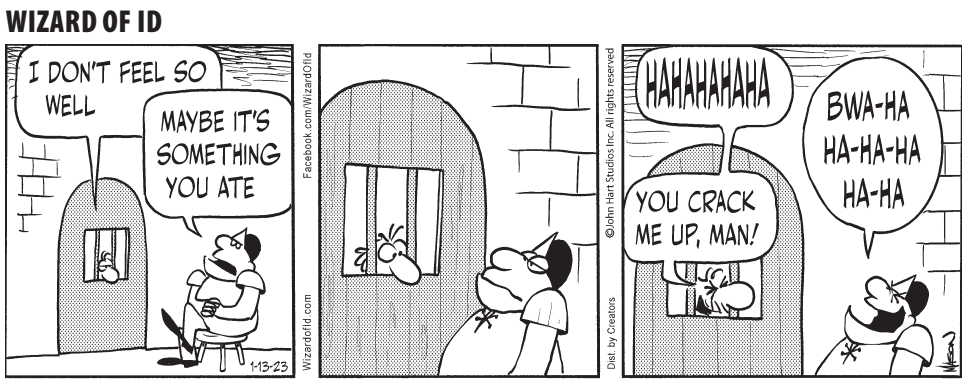
NO, HE WAS NEVER TOO TIRED FOR THAT
BILLINGSLEY

WIZARD OF ID



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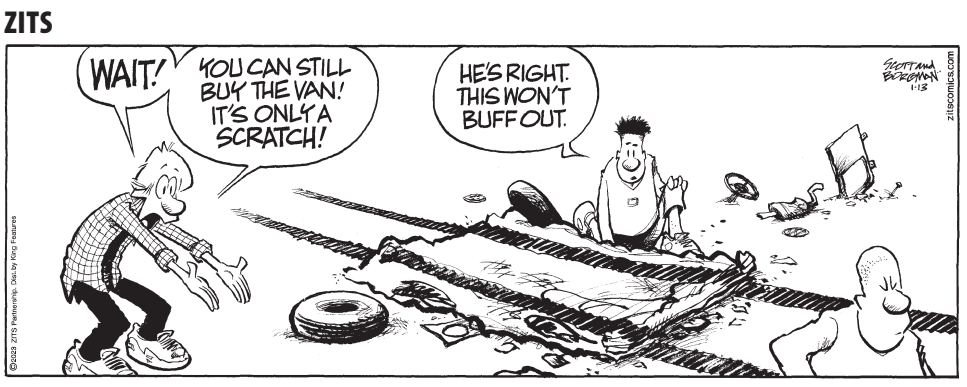
WAIT!
YOU CAN STILL BUY THE VAN! IT'S ONLY A SCRATCH!
HE'S RIGHT. THIS WON'T BUFF OUT.
Scott Ana Borgman 1-13
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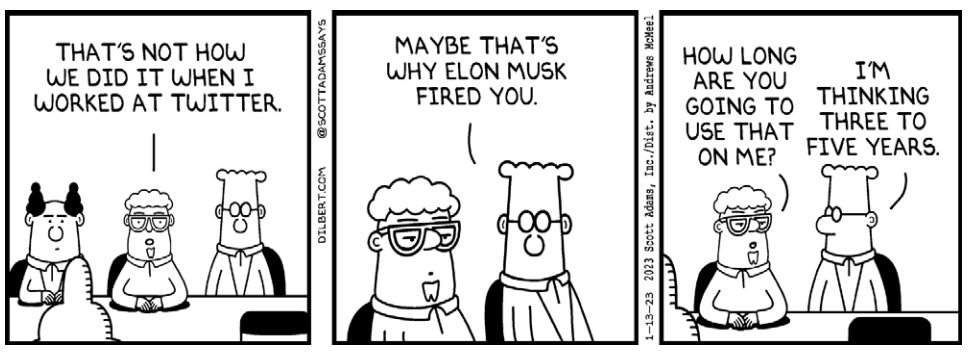
THAT'S NOT HOW WE DID IT WHEN I WORKED AT TWITTER.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
MAYBE THAT'S WHY ELON MUSK FIRED YOU.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO USE THAT ON ME?
I'M THINKING THREE TO FIVE YEARS.
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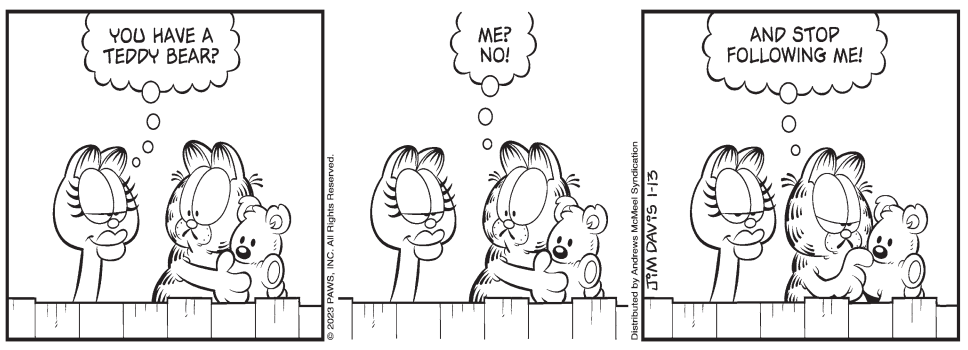
YOU HAVE A TEDDY BEAR?
ME? NO!
AND STOP FOLLOWING ME!
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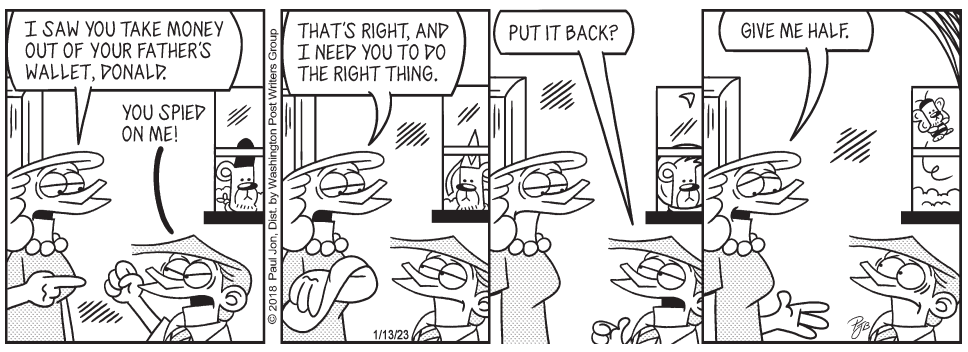
JIM DAVIS 1-13

FORT KNOX


I SAW YOU TAKE MONEY OUT OF YOUR FATHER'S WALLET, DONALD.
YOU SPIED ON ME!
THAT'S RIGHT, AND I NEED YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
PUT IT BACK?
GIVE ME HALF.
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PICKLES

HOW COME YOU ALWAYS DO ALL THE COOKING, GRAMMA?
DOESN'T GRAMPA KNOW HOW TO COOK STUFF?
GRAMPA? HEAVENS, NO!
ONCE HE CAUGHT A PAN OF MUSHROOM SOUP ON FIRE. IT SET OFF EVERY FIRE ALARM IN THE HOUSE.
COOL!
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2023. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 2021, President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House over the violent Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol, becoming the only president to be twice impeached; ten Republicans joined Democrats in voting to impeach Trump on a charge of "incitement of insurrection." (Trump would again be acquitted by the Senate in a vote after his term was over.)

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people, including four motorists on the bridge; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1987, West German police arrested Mohammed Ali Hamadi, a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner and the killing of a U.S. Navy diver who was on board. (Although convicted and sentenced to life, Hamadi was paroled by Germany in December 2005 and returned home to Lebanon.)

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected Black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, citing newly uncovered documents that showed the Japanese army had had a role in abducting the so-called "comfort women."

In 2000, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

In 2001, an earthquake estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 7.7 struck El Salvador; more than 840 people were killed.

In 2011, a funeral was held in Tucson, Arizona, for 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the youngest victim of a mass shooting that also claimed five other lives and critically wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In 2020, at a royal family summit in eastern England, Queen Elizabeth II brokered a deal to secure the future of the monarchy; it would allow Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, to live part-time in Canada.

Ten years ago: A Cairo appeals court overturned Hosni Mubarak's life sentence and ordered a retrial of the former Egyptian president for failing to prevent the killing of hundreds of protesters during the 2011 uprising that toppled his regime. (Mubarak was later ordered released.) "Argo" won best motion picture drama at the Golden Globes; "Les Miserables" won best picture musical or comedy.

Five years ago: A false alarm that warned of a ballistic missile headed for Hawaii sent the islands into a panic, with people abandoning cars on a highway and preparing to flee their homes; officials apologized and said the alert was sent when someone hit the wrong button during a shift change. Two Army captains who met at West Point, Daniel Hall and Vincent Franchino, returned there to be married, in what The New York Times said was believed to be the first same-sex marriage of active-duty personnel at the military academy.

One year ago: The Supreme Court found that the Biden administration had overstepped its authority by requiring that employees at large businesses get a COVID-19 vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job; the court allowed the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers. Two U.S. science agencies, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said 2021 was the sixth hottest year on record globally, part of a long-term warming trend.

Today's birthdays: Actor Frances Sternhagen is 93. TV personality Nick Clooney is 89. Comedian Charlie Brill is 85. Actor Billy Gray is 85. Actor Richard Moll is 80. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 69. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 64. Actor Kevin Anderson is 63. Actor Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 62. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 62.

Holcomb pushes big spending in annual address

BY TOM DAVIES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb urged skeptical state legislators Tuesday to support funding for several big-ticket spending plans, arguing that the state needed to take action on multiple fronts.

Eric Holcomb

Holcomb used the annual State of the State address before members of the General Assembly dominated by his fellow Republicans to seek support for his proposals that would significantly increase funding for schools and public health programs. Some top Republican legislators, however, are worried about the costs of those plans amid an expected slowdown in the growth of state tax collections.

Holcomb told legislators that the state has the "financial wherewithal" to pay for the proposals and still have an annual budget surplus.

"The work we've done together has brought us to this position of strength that calls us to invest in what I believe are needs and address head-on both our competitive advantages and disadvantages," Holcomb said in his half-hour speech.

The drafting of a new two-year state budget will be the primary focus of the legislative session that started Monday and is expected to last until late April. Holcomb last week proposed a 6% K-12 funding boost for the next school year that would be the largest increase in more than a decade.

The governor's proposal also included nearly $350 million over the next two years for public health programs and $500 million for a new round of regional economic development grants. Among other big-ticket items in Holcomb's plan are a $160 million request for state employee raises and a separate $36 million that would go toward boosting the starting annual salaries of state troopers by 30%, to $70,000.

Holcomb also proposed eliminating fees for textbooks and other classroom materials for all public school students by directing $120 million more toward local schools to expand the current program that covers such fees for children from low-income families.

Indiana is one of only seven states that still allows textbook fees, which Holcomb called a "disguised tax" of perhaps hundreds of dollars a year on families that goes against the state constitution's promise of tuition-free education.

Democrats and many education advocates have long criticized the textbook fees as an unfair extra cost to families.

Senate Democratic Leader Greg Taylor of Indianapolis said he and other Democrats supported many proposals from the Republican governor such as increasing public health funding and the elimination of textbook fees.

"But I think he's got a long way to go and get my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to support him," Taylor said.

Republican legislative leaders said after Holcomb's speech that they were still studying his textbook fee proposal and how it fit into overall school funding.

"We want to make sure that those dollars are used in the most effective way," Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said. "I'm not sure its skepticism. We're just working through the mechanics of it all and thinking about the best way to do it."

Republican legislative leaders have been hesitant to endorse the major boost in public health funding sought by Holcomb, questioning how quickly county health departments could ramp up programs to effectively spend the money.

Holcomb argued that increased public health funding is needed to help to improve Indiana's poor national rankings in areas such as obesity, smoking and life expectancy, calling those "a pattern we need to reverse." He said it will take "new action to get new results."

The governor's plan would direct $100 million in the budget's first year and $200 million in the second year toward boosting Indiana's county public health department funding from its current 45th national ranking to the national average. The state now directs about $7 million a year to county health departments, which are now primarily funded by local taxes.

"Nearly all of these dollars will be deployed locally, in your districts where our fellow Hoosiers need them, tailored to the unique circumstances of each community partner," Holcomb told lawmakers.

A commission appointed by Holcomb recommended a $240 million annual boost to lift funding for county public health departments to the national average, but the governor has said time is needed to "build the structure" for expanded health programs.

Holcomb's speech also touted progress on several major construction projects around the state. Those include the planned completion next year of the final northern leg of the Interstate 69 extension between Evansville and Indianapolis, for which construction started in 2008, and work expanding northwestern Indiana's South Shore commuter rail line that runs to Chicago.

The governor announced the awarding of a $29.5 million grant to local groups developing a 62-mile recreation trail through five counties in southern Indiana. The trail following an abandoned railroad route formerly used by the Monon Railroad between New Albany, near Louisville, Kentucky, and the Lawrence County city of Mitchell will be the state's longest contiguous trail, Holcomb said.

Dozier named board chair of Indiana Hospital Association

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carol Dozier, chief executive officer of Norton King's Daughters' Hospital since 2013, has been named board chair for the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) for 2023.

Carol Dozier

"Carol is a proven leader, and I am honored to work alongside her as we work together to improve Indiana's health care system," said Brian Tabor, IHA president. "I look forward to a successful year under her leadership."

As chairwoman, Dozier will oversee board meetings and play an active role in identifying and establishing priorities and future goals for the association.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected to serve as the IHA Board Chairwoman in 2023," Dozier said. "I look forward to finding solutions to issues through partnerships and collaboration with the state. As chairwoman, I will prioritize focusing on improving the health of Hoosiers, addressing affordability, and ensuring that Indiana hospitals can continue to provide access to world-class care no matter where one lives."

Under Dozier's leadership, KDH achieved the designation of Top 100 Rural Hospitals in America. In addition to her role at KDH and her IHA Board service, Dozier serves on the Community Leaders Council for Hanover College and the Ivy Tech College Campus Board as chairwoman. While prevoiuosly working in Wyoming, Dozier was named the Laramie Chamber Businessperson of the Year in 2010 and the Laramie Economic Development Business Person of the Year in 2013. She is a member of Rotary and Sigma Theta Tau International and has experience in community service organizations.

Prior to her role as president and CEO of KDH, Dozier served as the CEO of Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyoming. She was responsible for the construction of a new hospital and other major renovation projects, led financial turnarounds, and quality improved initiatives. Dozier also taught classes at Laramie County Community College in Wyoming.

Dozier obtained her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and her Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is married and has five children and six grandchildren.

CALENDAR

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FUNDRAISERS

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department

14227 Mulberry St., Deputy

Deputy firefighters are holding weekly Bingo fundraisers on Thursday nights at the fire department. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food concessions available and Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Pull tabs will be available.

No one under 18 allowed in Bingo Hall. Bingo cash only concessions debit/credit/cash.

FISH FRY

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fundraiser fish fry from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the firehouse. For more information visit their Facebook page Deputy Volunteer Fire Department.

SCHOOL

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The board also made several committee appointments with Stockdale and Simpson serving on the policy committee, Jacobs and Jones on the negotiation committee, Stockdale and Simpson on the athletic council, and Deputy and Jones on the technology committee. Additionally, Superintendent Jeffrey Bates was named to serve as Madison Area Special Services representative as well as on the boards for Southeastern Career Center and Wilson Education Center, and as a member of the Study Council.

In related business, Jones suggested that a transportation committee also be established. Jason Watson, assistant superintendent who oversees the school corporation's transportation, said he welcomed the involvement of school board members and Jones and Stockdale were selected by the board to serve on a new transportation committee.

In other decisions, the board approved retaining Susan Traynor Chastain as attorney. Chastain is with the Indianapolis firm of Lewis and Kappes, which specializes in school law. This will be her 12th year working with Southwestern schools, primarily assisting with contract negotiations.

The board also approved appointing Laura Boldery as corporation chief financial officer/treasurer, Melissa May as treasurer and Penny Mahoney as deputy treasurer. Boldery noted the titles have changed in accordance with how other school corporations in Indiana have changed in recent years but the duties of each person remain the same. Boldery's title was previously corporation treasurer, while May's title had been deputy treasurer and Mahoney's title had been assistant treasurer.

Annual compensation was established for the school board members at $2,000 annually and $25 per meeting.

Prior to the regular meeting, the board held the school corporation's annual board of finance meeting. German American Bank was once again established as the school corporation's depository for the 21st year. Boldery noted there was an increase in interest rates so the school corporation's accrued interest in 2022 was $18,025.75, up from $4,911.23 in 2021.

With interest rates increasing, Boldery suggested it might make sense for the school corporation to begin investing in certificates of deposits (CD).

"We have been very conservative with our spending and will continue to do so in 2023," she noted, adding that the cash balance in the taxable funds was healthy enough that additional money was able to be put back into the Rainy Day Fund to bring that balance to $400,000. In recent years, that fund has been maintained at $300,000.

In other business, the board:

• Approved up to $30,000 for net posts, nets and fencing at the tennis courts at the Hanover Community Park. Because Southwestern's tennis teams use the park's courts for practice and meets, town council member Kenny Garrett had asked the school board at its October meeting to consider covering the cost of those items estimated at $29,540. The work will coincide with work to replace the park's tennis courts at a estimated cost of $187,544 funded through a Land and Water Conservation Grant from the Department of Natural Resources in which the town is matching 50%.

• Approved $8,700 to Alpha Energy Solutions for replacement of the main heater in the pool area. Boldery said there had to be an emergency replacement when the heater went out.

• Awarded the contract to replace carpet tiles in the high school band room to Bickers Flooring for $17,700. Bates said the carpet "has been bad for awhile" and it needs to be replaced soon. Another bid of $18,000 was offered by America's Floor Source.

• Accepted the resignations of Brandon Frye as business teacher and Christy Featherstone as elementary teacher. Both were hired last month by Madison Consolidated Schools — Frye as dean of students at Madison Consolidated High School and Featherstone as fifth grade teacher at Madison Junior High School.

• Hired Tyler Gentry as business teacher at Southwestern High School. Also, Sarah Horn, a technology aide, was transitioned to fifth grade math/social studies teacher at Southwestern Elementary School. Bailey Binzer was hired as technology aide and Ashton Furnish was hired as middle school inclusion paraprofessional.

• Accepted the resignation of Scott Gross as varsity wrestling coach and hired Greggory Cline as varsity wrestling coach.

• Heard a report by Bates noting that a week into the second semester all is going well in the school district. "We're looking to continue to see positive things happen in our corporation," he said.

• Board member Jonathon Simpson commended Athletic Director Tom Scroggins for a successful Jefferson County Invitational Tournament held recently at Delbert O. King Gymnasium. "We had a good turnout and everything ran smoothly," he said.

QUARTET

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"We have a lot of fun performing, and I think the audience will pick up on that ... I believe if you just sit back and let the music take you, you'll be transported to a special place. I hope everyone will come."

— Nelson Lee
Jupiter String Quartet violin member

"And people need to remember, the great composers like Mozart and Brahms and all the others, they created as much for quartets as they did full orchestras. Chamber music was the popular form back then, much more accessible. There is more string quartet music than we could ever hope to play in two lifetimes!

"Our quartet is kind of unique because we've been together so long, ever since we met at the Cleveland Institute of Music over 20 years ago. We have two sisters, Meg Freivogel and Liz Freivogel, on violin and viola, plus Meg's husband, Daniel McDonough on cello. And I'm the only one in the group not related by blood or marriage!

"After Cleveland we all went to Boston to attend the New England Conservatory of Music, and from there we started picking up gigs and earning some awards. We were off and running then, traveling around the world and pretty much non-stop performing.

"We were about 10 years based out of Boston, and then we got an offer for a joint appointment at the University of Illinois School of Music in Champaign, which is where we all live now. We all have families, and there are seven kids between us. But we still travel and play quite a bit."

Jupiter Quartet has played Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, London's Wigmore Hall, Boston's Jordan Hall, Mexico City's Palacio de Bellas Artes, the Kennedy Center and Library of Congress in D.C., Austria's Esterhazy Palace, and Seoul's Sejong Chamber Hall.

"For the Madison concert on Friday, we have a Mozart piece, which is actually one of the last things he wrote before he died. It's very refined and sophisticated. Next we're doing three folk songs, reimagined by the 20th century American composer Florence Price. Listeners will recognize 'Oh My Darling' among the selections.

"And for the finale we are doing two rag compositions by William Bolcom, inspired by the ragtime music of Scott Joplin. Oh, and the very final piece is a Brahms quartet in A minor.

"We have a lot of fun performing, and I think the audience will pick up on that. The songs we are doing are masterpieces, really, like little miracles each one. I believe if you just sit back and let the music take you, you'll be transported to a special place. I hope everyone will come."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Rivertown Grill on Jefferson Street across from the courthouse is making an exciting new year's resolution. They are committing to live music five nights a week, Wednesday through Sunday. (Well, Thursday is a DJ Dance Party, but it will be lively, if not strictly live.) This is no less than you'd expect from Indiana's Music City, and we're sure to see more venues upping their game as the weather warms and the tourists start flocking to town in record numbers. It's also heartening to see open mic opportunities two nights a week (Tuesday and Wednesday) so our budding new musicians can hone their chops and get ready for the larger stage. But the whole enterprise depends on us, the loyal music fans. If we don't get out and support all this live music, it will surely fade away. Why don't we all make our own new year's resolutions to attend at least one show a week!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Thursday, Jan 12

The Drake — Zach Hackney
House of Jane — Bobby Robbins & Dewey Elledge
Rivertown Grill — DJ Dance Party

Friday, Jan 13

Rivertown Grill — Strange Brew
Off Broadway Taproom — Jordan Wilson
First Baptist — Jupiter String Quartet

Saturday, Jan 14

Red Bicycle Hall — Hot Brown Smackdown
Rivertown Grill — No Name Band
VFW — Lick Skillet

Sunday, Jan 15

Rivertown Grill — Gary Applegate
The Drake — Tim Walters

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Off-Broadway Taproom — Open Mic Night

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Rivertown Grill — Open Mic Night

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

David Campbell

Madison's Cadence Traylor (middle) battles against a trap by Silver Creek's Olivia Johnston (25) and Emma Schoen (1) during Tuesday's game. Traylor scored 12 points in the Cubs' 51-49 loss.

Silver Creek rallies from 16 down to beat Madison 51-49

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison led by as many as 16 points in the first half but the Cubs couldn't sustain that momentum in a 51-49 loss to Silver Creek at home in girls basketball on Tuesday.

The Cubs were red-hot in the first half, hitting nine 3-pointers while building a 34-18 lead. But Silver Creek began chipping away late in the half and then dominated the final two quarters to claim the two-point win.

Cam Cahall had 13 points, four rebounds and three steals to lead Madison while Cadence Traylor had 12 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Casey Dyer added 12 points and four rebounds.

Madison has now lost five out of its last six games while falling to 8-7 on the season. The Cubs have a tough test on Saturday when they travel to Class 3A No. 5 Corydon.

NEW ALBANY ROLLS PAST REBELS

Southwestern had two players score at least 23 points and shot nearly 50% from the floor but it wasn't nearly enough as the Class 2A No. 9 Rebels took it on the chin, 103-74 at New Albany in boys basketball on Thursday.

Peyton Gwin scored 24 points on 10-of-20 shooting and Jamison Lewis had 23 points while making 8-of-14 to lead Southwestern while Peyton Cloud added 12 points. As a team, the Rebels hit 26-of-54 (48%) from the floor and knocked down nine 3-pointers, but it wasn't nearly enough.

New Albany (8-3) jumped out to a 27-16 lead after the first quarter before Southwestern rallied to cut the lead to 44-39. The Bulldogs then exploded for 34 points in the third quarter to push the lead up to 25 and then cruised to the win.

New Albany connected on 56% (40-for-72) from the floor including a sizzling 15-for-30 from beyond the 3-point line. Jordan Treat scored 27 points to lead the Bulldogs and Tommy Devine added 24.

Southwestern, now 12-2 on the season, hosts Switzerland County on Friday where the Rebels will attempt to stay unbeaten in the Ohio River Valley Conference.

TRIMBLE BOYS BEAT HENRY

James Thomas Wilcoxson scored 27 points and Trimble County knocked off Henry County 60-52 at home in boys basketball on Tuesday.

Ethan Horn added 15 points and Brayden Wilson scored 14 for the Raiders.

Trimble, now 8-7 overall and 3-1 in 31st District play, travels to Owen County on Friday.

LADY RAIDERS CLAIM WIN

Trimble County gutted out a three point win over Henry County, 39-36, at home in girls basketball on Tuesday.

Addison Edmondson scored 19 points to lead the Raiders. Shelby

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Bengals expect to see different Ravens team in playoffs

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — In the locker room after the Bengals beat the Ravens, Joe Burrow handed out cigars to his teammates to celebrate a 12-4 season that included winning a second consecutive AFC North title for the first time in franchise history.

Like many games for Cincinnati this season, Sunday's 27-16 win over a Baltimore team that rested many key players was at times beautiful and at times unsightly for the home team.

The Bengals have more than minor concerns heading into the first round of the playoffs next Sunday night (**TV:** Live on NBC and Peacock at 8:15 p.m.) on the same field against the same team.

But that didn't stop Burrow from urging his teammates to recognize their accomplishments before they move on. And they did. Loudly. The quarterback said winning the division is the "standard now" for a team that reached the Super Bowl a year ago.

"We're going to celebrate it every single time we do it," he said. "We're going to smoke our cigars and wear our T-shirts and hats, but we expect that every year."

The Bengals' eighth straight win came at the end of week full of emotional ups and downs and concern for Damar Hamlin, the Buffalo Bills safety who went into cardiac arrest on the same Paycor Stadium turf and had to be revived early in a Jan. 2 game that was suspended and ultimately canceled.

"It was a long week," Burrow said. "I think guys started feeling better at the end of the week when we started getting some good updates. At the beginning of the week, it was tough."

Without much on the line Sunday, the Ravens rested many of their best players. Star quarterback Lamar Jackson missed his fifth straight game with a knee injury. His backup, Tyler Huntley, has also been banged up and got the day off. Running back J.K. Dobbins was a healthy scratch. So were tight end Mark Andrews, guard Kevin Zeitler and cornerback Marcus Peters.

The Bengals can count on seeing a different,

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No. 1 Georgia bullies TCU 65-7 for 2nd consecutive title

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Stetson Bennett flashed a wry grin as he walked off the field, stopping to hug coach Kirby Smart as the crowd roared.

It was all standing ovations and sideline snacks in the fourth quarter of the most lopsided bowl season game in college football history.

In emphatic and overwhelming fashion, Georgia became the first team to repeat as College Football Playoff national champions and left no doubt the 'Dawgs are the new bullies on the block.

Bennett threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores — in the first half — as No. 1 Georgia demolished No. 3 TCU 65-7 on Monday night.

The Bulldogs (15-0) are the first repeat champs in major college football since Alabama went back-to-back a decade ago. There appears to be a new dynasty emerging from the Southeastern Conference.

"We wanted our kids to play without fear," Smart said. "All year I told them, I said, 'We ain't getting hunted guys, we're doing the hunting, and hunting season's almost over. We've only got one more chance to hunt,' and we hunted tonight."

TCU (13-2), the first Cinderella team of the playoff era, never had a chance against the Georgia juggernaut. Unlike Michigan in the Fiesta Bowl semifinal, the Bulldogs would not succumb to the Hypnotoads' spell.

Georgia turned in one of the all-time beatdowns in a big game, reminiscent of Nebraska running over Florida by 38 points in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, USC's 36-point rout of Oklahoma in the 2005 Orange Bowl and Alabama's 28-point BCS blowout over Notre Dame in 2013.

But this was worse.

Too much talent. Too well-coached. Two straight titles for the mean machine in red and black, as the song goes.

No team has ever scored more points in a national championship game, dating to the beginning of the BCS in 1998.

With 13:25 left in the fourth quarter, Smart called timeout in the middle of an offensive drive so Bennett could exit to a hero's ovation in the final game of his circuitous college career.

"That was special," said Bennett, who finished 18 for 25 for 304 yards and four touchdown passes. "I'll remember that for the rest of my life."

The Bulldogs were munching on chicken wings on the sideline as the game wound down. Then, for the second straight year, the Bulldogs were showered by confetti and presented a championship trophy.

"I love this team, I love those fans, I love our band. I love everybody," Bennett said during the presentation ceremony. "Back-to-back, baby. Back-to-back."

Smart is now 81-15 in his first seven seasons at Georgia with two national titles. His mentor, Alabama coach Nick Saban, was 79-15 with three titles in his first seven seasons with the Tide.

The Bulldogs were a different kind of dominant this season after losing 15 NFL draft picks from the 2021 team: not quite as stingy on defense, but more explosive on offense.

"Last year's team probably had more talent on it," Smart said. "But this year's team was different, like they had this eye of the tiger. They weren't going to lose."

Earlier in Smart's tenure at his alma mater, Georgia fans worried about whether the former defensive coordinator for Saban would be able to build an offense to match this high-scoring era of college football.

Under third-year coordinator Todd Monken, the Bulldogs have become prolific, creative and diverse

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 12

BASKETBALL
Shawe girls at Milan, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Madison hosts Greensburg, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Oldenburg Academy, Salem, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13

BASKETBALL
Madison Christian boys, SRC Tournament, TBA
Carroll Co. girls host Eminence, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Eminence, 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Lawrenceburg, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Trinity Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Madison girls, ISWCA State Finals at Mooresville, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14

BASKETBALL
Madison Christian boys, SRC Tournament, TBA
Shawe girls at South Central, noon
Madison girls at Corydon, 1:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Cornerstone Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Kentucky Country Day, 2 p.m.
Hanover men host Manchester, 2 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at New Washington, 2:30 p.m.
Hanover women host Manchester, 4 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Lloyd Memorial, 4:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Southwestern, Switzerland Co., ORVC Championships at Milan, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING
Southwestern, Switzerland Co., SIWC Championships at Southwestern, TBA

Madison swimmers suffer dual meet loss at East

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's swim teams lost a dual meet at Columbus East on Tuesday.

The girls fell 102-81 defeat while the boys lost 122-54.

"It was a rough night in the pool for both teams with mental errors taking a toll. While there were some great swims and fast times for the kids, we had several things tonight that just weren't firing on all cylinders," Madison coach Ashley Schutte said. "We have worked on very specific things and we just aren't seeing them transition to competition the way we would like them to implement. We know exactly what we need to work on."

Top results for the Madison girls were: Lilly Canida, first, 50 free, 25.88 and first, 100 free, 57.06; Reilly Kuppler, first, 200 free, 2:09.35 and second, 100 free, 59.44; Avery Johnson, Canida, Emily Nay and Kuppler, first, 200 medley relay, 2:02.76; Kuppler, Nay, Emma Wynn and Canida, first, 400 free relay, 4:04.21; Nay, second, 50 free, 28.32 and second, 100 fly, 1:06.95; Johnson, second, 100 back, 1:11.20 and third, 200 IM, 2:44.64; Johnson, Callie Anderson, Penelope Bibbs and Alyssa Storm, second, 200 free relay, 2:02.85; Storm, third, 200 free, 2:30.97; Wynn, third, 100 back, 1:14.25; Anderson, third, 100 breast, 1:31.76; and Kira Brittain, Bailee Marshall, Lexi Sullivan and Sophie Guirguis, third, 200 free relay, 2:14.06.

Top results for the Madison boys were: Camdyn Sever, first, 50 free, 22.95 and second, 100 breast, 1:07.35; Peyton Ford, second, 100 free, 53.53 and second, 100 back, 1:04.27; Ford, Sever, Graham Klein and Gavin McMahon, second, 200 medley relay, 1:47.77; Ford, Sever, Kyle Roney and McMahon, second, 200 free relay, 1:34.82; Roney, Klein, Beckham Cornelius and Max Thompson, second, 400 free relay, 3:52.71; Thompson, third, 200 IM, 2:15.63; Klein, third, 100 fly, 59.47; and Roney, third, 100 free, 55.64.

Madison hosts Greensburg on Thursday and hosts Scottsburg on Tuesday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Shawe's Philip Kahn and Audrey Barron and Switzerland County's Nathan Furnish have been honored by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Kahn, a junior, was named boys basketball player of the week after scoring 34 points and grabbing five rebounds and four steals in the Hilltoppers' loss to Oldenburg Academy.

Barron, a freshman, picked up the honor in girls basketball with 47 points, 13 rebounds and nine steals in two games.

Furnish, a senior, picked up wins in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle and anchored a 200 freestyle relay to earn the award in boys swimming.

• Carroll County's Courtney Strickland has been named North Central Kentucky Conference girls basketball player of the week.

Strickland averaged 16.7 points, 3.3 rebounds and 4.3 steals per game for the Panthers. She also averaged 2.3 3-pointers made.

• Shawe lost 35-13 to Rock Creek Adademy in eighth grade girls basketball on Thursday.

Brylee Liter scored seven points for the Hilltoppers and Nore May had three.

• Switzerland County defeated Oldenburg Academy 32-22 in junior varsity girls basketball on Monday. Ashlyn Covington scored seven points to lead the Pacers and Isabella Breeck had six.

Switzerland, now 10-5 on the season, hosts Southwestern on Thursday.

• Shawe seventh grade girls basketball fell 18-14 to New Washington on Monday.

Brylee Liter scored six points for the Hilltoppers and Juliet Gardner had four.

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Wright had six points and Trinity Crawford scored four.

Trimble, now 7-8 overall and 3-1 in district play, travels to Owen County on Thursday and heads to Lloyd Memorial on Saturday.

CARROLL GIRLS BEAT GALLATIN

Carroll County improved to 3-1 in district play with a 51-38 win at Gallatin County in girls basketball on Monday.

Kaitlyn Hensley scored 17 points to lead the Panthers while Courtney Strickland added 12 and Grace Perkins scored 10.

Carroll, now 8-10 overall, hosts Eminence on Friday.

PANTHERS LOSE 11TH STRAIGHT

Carroll County's losing streak reached 11 games with an 85-49 loss at Gallatin County in boys basketball on Tuesday.

The Panthers, now 1-14 overall and 0-4 in district play, host Eminence on Friday and host Kentucky Country Day on Saturday.

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offensively. They picked apart TCU's 3-3-5 defense from all angles.

Versatile tight end Brock Bowers had seven catches for 152 yards. Receiver Ladd McConkey caught two TDs. Georgia ran for 254 yards, with seven players gaining at least 10.

The Bulldogs scored all six times they touched the ball in the first half. Twice Bennett ran it in himself; the former walk-on-turned-two-time national champion was barely touched on the two quarterback keepers.

He hit a wide-open McConkey for a 34-yard score in the first quarter, a perfectly executed play out of a bunched formation that had TCU's defensive backs in disarray. Bennett's 22-yard score to Adonai Mitchell was a higher degree of difficulty, dropped in over a defender who had tight coverage.

It looked a lot like the Bennett-to-Mitchell touchdown that gave Georgia a fourth-quarter lead it would not relinquish against Alabama in last year's CFP title game.

Georgia vanquished the Tide last season to break a 41-year national title drought, avenging its only regular-season loss in the process.

There was no such drama against the upstart Horned Frogs.

"The journey was great. It's something I'll never forget," TCU running back Emari Demercado said. "Obviously, didn't end how we wanted it, but at the end of the day this journey was something great."

These Bulldogs never had to worry about Alabama. They rolled through the SEC, survived Ohio State in a classic CFP semifinal and then completed a perfect season with a historic blowout.

BENGALS

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more formidable Ravens team Sunday night, even if Jackson is still sidelined.

"There's no easy path into the NFL, into the playoffs and to the Super Bowl," Burrow said. "The harder it is, the better it will feel."

WHAT'S WORKING

The defense took full advantage of mistakes by Baltimore's rookie quarterback, Anthony Brown, who was starting his first NFL game. Interceptions by safety Jessie Bates and cornerback Mike Hilton both turned into short-field touchdowns for the offense.

Brown fumbled the ball away in his own end zone during one of the four times he was sacked.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

After jumping out to a 24-7 lead at halftime, the Bengals' offense fell flat. Burrow acknowledged that he "missed throws I usually make."

The run game went nowhere. In the second half, Cincinnati punted five times and turned the ball over on downs and via a Burrow fumble.

The Bengals' only points came from a 26-yard field goal by Evan McPherson.

Turner, Haliburton key Pacers' 116-111 victory over Hornets

BY CHRIS GOFF
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INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Turner scored 29 points, Buddy Hield had 21 and the Indiana Pacers capped the first half of their regular-season schedule with a 116-111 comeback victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday.

Tyrese Haliburton finished with 16 points, 13 assists and five rebounds for the Pacers, who trailed by nine early in the fourth quarter and needed a series of clutch plays in the final minutes to improve their record to 23-18 at the midpoint.

"I'm just excited for us, excited that we're overachieving," Turner said. "We still have a lot of work to do. We can't be satisfied."

P.J. Washington had 22 points and five rebounds for the Hornets. Terry Rozier chipped in 19 points, six assists and six boards, and Mason Plumlee wound up with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Plumlee attempted a dunk with 13 seconds left that would have brought Charlotte within a point, but Turner's blocked shot sent the crowd into a frenzy. The 26-year-old rising star finished with nine rebounds and four blocks. His three-point play with 1:11 left had tied the game.

"Myles is in his prime," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's playing the best he's ever played. Down the stretch, he was tremendous. I coached Jermaine O'Neal here, and Jermaine had that. It was uplifting to his teammates."

Two free throws from Aaron Nesmith made it 116-111 with 6.9 seconds left and secured Indiana's eighth win in its last 10 games.

"Forty-one games: doesn't feel like 41 games, but it is," Carlisle said. "The next 41 will go by pretty fast, too. We're getting a lot of clutch experience. We're not perfect, but we're gradually getting better, and we've got a great crowd that has helped us get over the hump in a lot of these games."

Charlotte, which dropped to 11-30 at the halfway mark, has lost four of its last five. Top scorer LaMelo Ball fouled out in the final minute with 13 points and eight assists.

TIP-INS

Hornets: Starting forward Gordon Hayward, a former All-Star, sat out a third straight game because of a sore hamstring. The injury cost the 12-year veteran a homecoming affair; he played collegiately at Butler and is a native of nearby Brownsburg. … Kelly Oubre Jr., the team's third-leading scorer at 20.2 points per game, missed his fifth in a row due to a torn hand ligament that required surgery on Thursday.

Pacers: Indiana committed 16 turnovers but forced 18 by the Hornets. … The Pacers trailed 27-15 at the end of the first quarter but recovered for a 47-45 halftime advantage. It was 79-73 Indiana entering the final period.

LOCAL LEAGUES

MONDAY, JAN. 9

Hanover Parks Department

Girls Basketball

"A" Division (K/1)

Hanover Baby Polar Bears 20, Hanover Cookie Monsters 8 — Hayden Curry had 18 points for the Baby Polar Bears and Ramsie Wyciskalla scored six for the Cookie Monsters.

"B" Division (2/3)

Madison 2nd/3rd Grade Cubs 22, Hanover Bulldogs 8 — Blakely Asher had eight points for the Cubs and Lyla Ford had four for the Bulldogs.

"C" Division (4/5 Grade)

Southwestern 5th Grade Lady Rebels d. Hanover Teal Sharks, NS — Baylor Hubbard, Kaylee Garvey, Kennedy Scroggins and Bella Farmer led the Ldy Rebels. Sydney Spitler, Alli Law and Akira Kiwi Bruner led the Teal Sharks.

THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
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4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me		CSI: Vegas (N)		News
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC	WLWT	Holly	Law & Order (N)		Law & Order		Law & Order		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Zone	ET	Walker (N) CC		Walker Ind.		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Celebrity Jeop.		The Parent Test		The Chase (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Celebrity Jeop.		The Parent Test		The Chase (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		News	Edition	PBS NewsHour		Antiques		Doc Martin CC		Father Brown		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	Hell's Kitchen		Flatch	Kat	FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me		CSI: Vegas (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neigh	House	Sheldon	Theory	Walker (N) CC		Walker Ind.		Theory	Sheldon	black-
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DISN	25	29	Lady	Lady	Hams	Big City	★★ "Cars 3" (2017) CC				Hams	Hams	Lady
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NHL Hockey: Maple Leafs at Red Wings				College Basketball				
FREE	18	40	(5:30) ★★ "Breakthrough" (2019)				★★ "The Longest Ride" (2015) Scott Eastwood. CC						700
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MAX	270	73	(5:57) "No Country for Old Men"				"Extraction" (2015)		(:23) ★★ "Non-Stop"				"Old"
PARMT	35	41	Two	Two	Two	Two	★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004)				"The Town"		
SHOW	221	16	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn"				"Twilight Saga: Breaking 2"				George & Tam		"Blk
TMC	233	74	(:05) "As They Made Us" (2022)				★★★ "American Honey" (2016) CC				"Sophie Jones"		
TNT	27	43	"Bad Teacher"		Tip-Off		NBA Basketball: Celtics at Nets				NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Traitors CC (DVS)				Law-
WGN-A	20	20	Rush Hour		On Balance		Cuomo (N) CC		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N) CC		Cuomo

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COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush: Pay		Gold Rush "The Last Frontier" (N)				Gold-Videotape		Gold
DISN	25	29	Hams	"Squeakquel"			Bunk'd	★★ "Aladdin" (2019) Will Smith.			Bunk'd		Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball: Warriors vs Spurs					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	700
FX	40	28	"The Proposal"		★★★ "The Martian" (2015) Matt Damon. CC						★★★ "The Martian"		
HBO	201	17	★★ "Reminiscence" (2021)				★★★ "The Menu" (2022) CC				"Conjuring-Devil"		
MAX	270	73	"Alpha	(:28) ★★★ "Nobody"			"Lara Croft Tmb"		"Lara Croft Tomb Raider"				
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1 __ known as; aka
5 Marry secretly
10 Hoof-on-pavement noise
14 Farewell
15 Words to José
16 Neighbor of Nebraska
17 Part of a foot
18 Bringing home & piling up
20 German article
21 Throw
22 Dishwasher cycle
23 Revere
25 Daisy __; Li'l Abner's pursuer
26 Think highly of
28 Kidnapper's demand
31 San __ Padres
32 In __; astonished
34 Energy
36 Sheridan & Richards
37 __ against; scolds harshly
38 OAS member
39 Wrestling pad
40 Good judgment
41 Knox & Worth
42 Addicted
44 Tactless
45 "What I __ for Love"
46 __ Carolina
47 1 of 7 deadly sins
50 Dirty trick
51 Boat made of gopher wood
54 Part of IRA
57 __ or false test
58 Compass direction
59 Overeat
60 Unsightly
61 Drama
62 Waterbird
63 Buzzers

DOWN
1 Cause of GERD
2 Word attached to head or dead
3 U.S. state capital
4 __ and aah; express delight
5 Audience's demand
6 Baggy
7 Birds of prey
8 Chum
9 Pupil's place
10 Columbus & Cleveland
11 Cut of pork
12 __ up; confesses
13 Singer Patti
19 Grouchy old codger
21 Spanish bull
24 Uses a spade
25 Apple computers
26 Genesis man
27 Ms. Shore
28 Movie part
29 Engage in price gouging
30 Glee
32 Beach surface
33 __ and hers
35 Be lost in thought
37 Woodwind
38 Stick your lower lip out
40 Picabo Street or Bode Miller
41 Artificial
43 Strange thing
44 Facial hair
46 Tunes
47 Get ready, for short
48 Authentic
49 "__ Boy Girl Thing"; 2006 film
50 Type of sandwich
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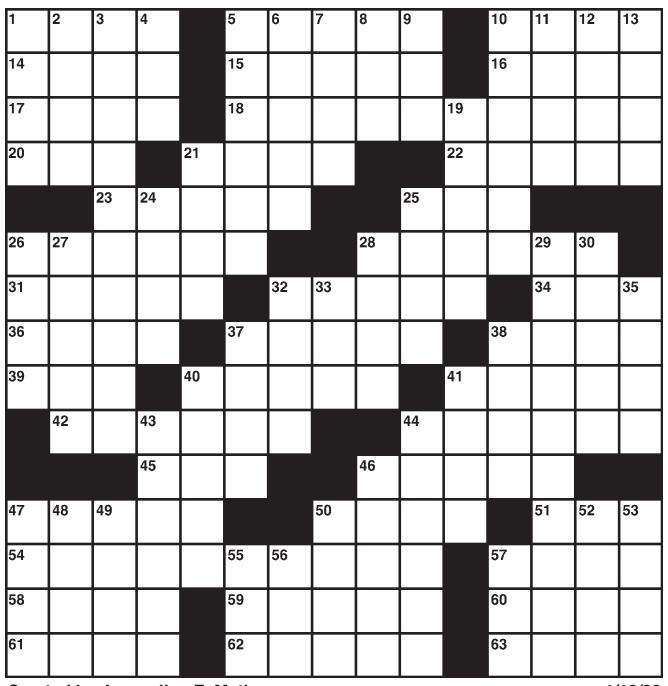

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1 Punch
4 TV's "__ World Turns"
9 __ dunk; sure thing
13 Use a drill
14 Garden pest
15 TV dog
16 Firewood measure
17 Impulsive
19 Presidential monogram
20 Sioux home of old
21 Pays a landlord
22 Huge felines
24 Malia, to Sasha
25 Had to have
27 Parish leader
30 Santa's helpers
31 Colorful perennial
33 Dyer's tub
35 Gardner & others
36 Wanderer
37 Group of quail
38 Brooch
39 Red flower
40 Shortstop Jeter
41 Ermines
43 Ma or Pa
44 Bread for a Reuben
45 Rover's restraint
46 Sun blocker
49 Thrusting weapon
51 Uncooked
54 Deliverance; release
56 Cartoon bear
57 Above
58 Bread from heaven
59 Flock femmes
60 Ties the knot
61 Playwright Henrik
62 Horse's cousin

DOWN
1 Head covering
2 Beside the point
3 Actor Knight
4 Arise
5 Clothing fasteners
6 Gift wrapper's need
7 Give a job to
8 Cotton gin man
9 Most bashful
10 Crazy as a __
11 Lie next to
12 Velvety green growth
13 A-E connectors
18 Like fresh celery
20 Digits
23 March 15
24 Stated
25 Tide type
26 "King of Rock and Roll"
27 Impatient chess player's cry
28 Brings down, as a regime
29 Become frayed
31 Surpasses
32 Baseball game official
34 Tricycle rider
36 Jot down
37 Plays the ponies
39 Check writer
40 Letter opener
42 Mandates
43 Actress Staci
45 Africa's Sierra __
46 Sluggish
47 Bee's home
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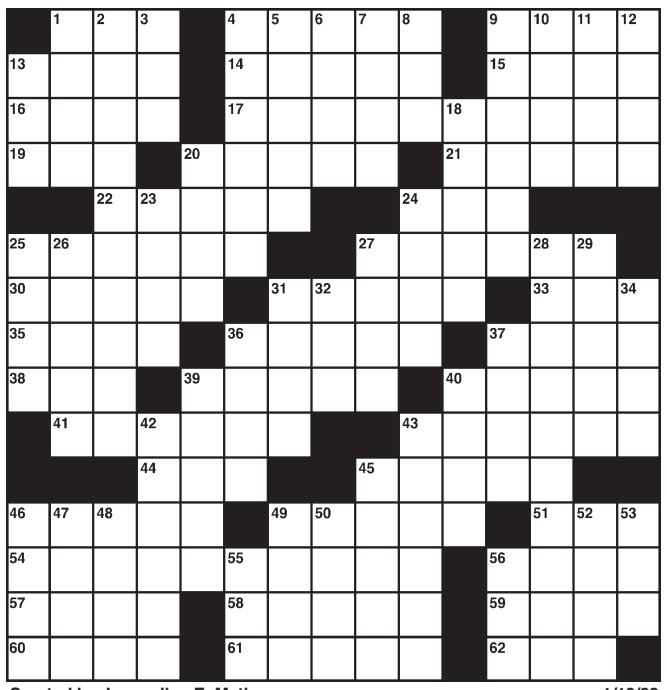
53 Madison's place: abbr.
55 "What Kind of Fool __?"
56 Truly, in the bible



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Small business shrinks when owners fire son

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband and I own a small family business, but we don't run the day-to-day operation.

We started the business with one of our sons, and he worked very hard for the first three or so years. But he started slacking off about three years ago, feeling as if he had "earned" the right to work when (and if) he wanted.

The last 18 months he has hardly worked at all. He has done nothing to help the company's bottom line, even though we've struggled financially.

So, after consulting counselors and a lawyer through this ordeal, we have decided that we must let him go. He will receive his pay and benefits for six months.

I feel horrible that it has come to this, as he is also going through a messy divorce. He is obviously quite taken aback and is distant from us, even though I think he realizes that this is ultimately his own doing.

How do I reach out to him and stay connected and reassure him that we still love him and want a relationship?

My hope is that we can get past this and find a way to maintain our family bond.

— Distressed Mom

Dear Distressed: I can imagine that your son might not welcome an in-depth discussion about this decision, because revisiting it is to revisit his own failure. But I think you do need to talk about it — or at least convey that you are willing and available to talk about it.

I suggest that you start by affirming that you are aware that this is a tough time for him. Tell him that you hope he understands the professional choice you made, and say that you are willing to talk about it or answer any questions he might have. Affirm your love and support and let him know that you are in his corner as he gets through this challenging time. Continue to reach out to him, even if his reaction is subdued.

This particular episode might prove to be a wake-up call for him, but it could take time before he realizes it.

At-home worker can't have kids at home

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I am a hard-worker. I try not to let my personal life affect my job. However, the one thing that I cannot control is one of my three children getting sent home sick from school or daycare.

I work from home; my office closed indefinitely during the pandemic.

My boss is hard on me when I ask to make up my time in the evening so I can care for my sick kids, or when I ask if they can be home while I work.

During my review she told me that I needed to have more of a plan for when my kids get sick.

I understand the inconvenience, but I also have four weeks of vacation and three days of sick pay a year.

She talked down to me for a solid 10 minutes about my attendance "issues" but never thanked me for all of the weekends I worked so our department stays on track. Am I being too sensitive? Should I look for a new job where the manager is more understanding?

— Weary Worker

Dear Weary: Some at-home workers report being more productive when their schedules are flexible, and according to you, you are making up all of the time you may have missed due to your childcare responsibilities.

But should your boss thank you for making up the work you've been hired to do? I don't think so.

Your boss might have been attempting to direct you toward setting new goals, but she cannot professionally retaliate based on your need to occasionally use PTO or sick day to take care of a sick child.

Although this conversation really took you aback, it would be a good idea for you to follow up with an email outlining your productivity and noting that the fact that you work from home means that you pull lots of late nights and weekend work, and that your ability to do this means that your team is on track.

And yes, you should look for another job with a company that values at-home workers' productivity.

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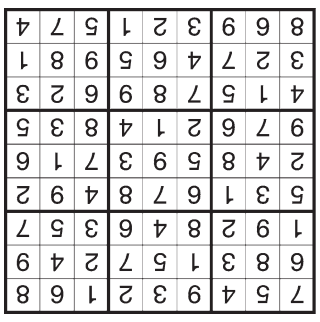

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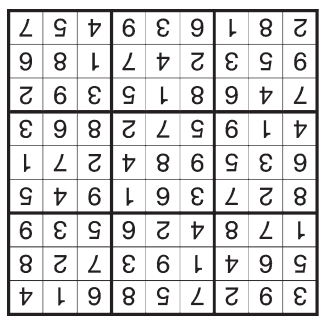

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't think you need to overdo so you aren't outdone — get better at validating yourself as you are and don't take unnecessary risks. Focus on your job, work and career, where you can show off your perceptiveness and business acumen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Too many changes may make you feel unsettled; family situations could require making adjustments that may seem time consuming and difficult. Remain anchored to a project that you and someone else find inspiring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Remain flexible when the mood shifts. Your quick mind can find ways to turn every bit of information to your advantage. Work toward a final decision about an important financial plan that will color your future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Let your imagination run free. Allow your creative juices to flow and there may be no limits as to the masterpieces you can create. Sharing your innermost thoughts with a friend or loved one could result in stimulating conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Some key issues may be under heavy scrutiny and a problem could come full circle. You might conclude that an important change has already occurred but escaped your notice. You could feel your authority being challenged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your intuition and compassion are enhanced. Use them to determine the best way to handle an old, unresolved issue. It should be a good time to make sincere amends, or to express your romantic nature and creativity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — What you want may seem beyond your reach. Escape from family pressures by enjoying a cheerful lunch with a friend or some window shopping. Resolve to dig deeper into repair estimates or tall tales.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Use your boundaries to uphold sincerity and consideration in your relationships – push the revolving door and just bypass people who aren't as nice as they seem. Use your best judgment and try to be as fair as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Vision your important conversations and critical moves before you act — it's an anticipatory practice that can lead to better results. Keep your money safely stored in your bank account right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Being who you are is the best way to attract people — don't go to extremes to impress someone. Keep your guard up when something seems too good to be true. Remember loyal partners even when a busy schedule demands your attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Sometimes even your most ingenious methods might not be appreciated. Unpredictability could seem exasperating but can also mean that there will be fewer dull moments during social activities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You might value dependability and lasting devotion above all other things, and someone may prove his or her true dedication today. A loved one who offers advice may have your best interests at heart.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be at your best in business situations. However, you could be challenged to keep your finances in order when unexpected expenses arrive. Consider every emerging experience as a chance to learn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your social life could become complicated. Put the needs of others first even if it seems your efforts are temporarily unappreciated. You might never know how important kindness is until you receive some just when you need it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Enjoy new contacts and touching base with old friends and acquaintances too. A conversation might reveal that an old friend has become involved with something new and exciting that could pique your interest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A partner or loved one's wild fantasies could trigger your imagination and spark creative ideas. You prefer to dwell in a drama-free zone with tranquil surroundings. Chill out and relax as the weekend begins to unfold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be prepared for potential alternatives in case plans fall through and new ones need to take their place. Someone you meet might appear to know how to fatten up even the skinniest little wallets — keep expectations from being too optimistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Abandon the struggle to present a picture of perfection as you deal with people on the career, job, or the business front. The real you is absolutely enough. A relationship dilemma can resolve if you become more sensitive and sympathetic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Consider supporting a worthy cause or a local fundraiser. You may seem to have no choice but to focus on social activities rather than business. Your performance on the job could be improved by a coworker's suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Let a passing fancy pass you by. Your attractive qualities are obvious, but some people who are magnetically attracted to you might not be worthy companions. Revisit a family situation under better conditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may miss out on some fun by putting in a few extra hours, but it will be worth the effort in the end. This is not a good time to start messing with investments because you might overthink financial strategies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Intoxicating anticipation can create a buzz but there could be a letdown if events do not turn out as you expected. It would be wise to wait several more days before taking drastic action about a family matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Friendliness can be your ticket to success. New acquaintances or friendly coworkers could help you make more money or gain peace of mind. Save your money right now as though it can never be replaced.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may hope to relax and indulge in creature comforts. Put your financial concerns aside and focus on romance. Heartfelt generosity, without thought of reward, receives the most appreciation from loved ones.

Kentucky rehires Coen to guide offense, quarterbacks

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky coach Mark Stoops has re-hired former Los Angeles Rams assistant Liam Coen as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, returning him to the program he built into one of the SEC's top attacks in 2021.

Coen, 37, returned to the Rams as OC last season after a highly successful 2021 with the Wildcats, who went 10-3 and won the Citrus Bowl with a pro-style scheme led by quarterback Will Levis. Wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson and running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. each exceeded 1,300 yards that season and helped Kentucky rank fifth in Southeastern Conference scoring at 32.3 points per game and eighth in total offense (425.2 yards).

Stoops said he was "very excited" to welcome Coen and his family back to Lexington.

"It was evident that he made a dramatic impact in the one season he was with our team," the coach said in a release. "He brings a great deal of knowledge, and he also brings an excitement that players and recruits can relate to."

Coen spent three years in Los Angeles as assistant wide receivers and then quarterbacks coach before his first stint at Kentucky. He helped the Rams reach the Super Bowl in the 2018 season and post consecutive years with dual 1,000-yard receivers. Coen also helped QB Jared Goff post his third consecutive season with at least 3,800 yards passing in 2020.

Coen previously coached collegiately as an assistant at Maine, UMass (his alma mater), Brown and Rhode Island.

Gamecocks top Kentucky at Rupp for 1st time in 14 years

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Meechie Johnson hit six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 26 points to lead South Carolina over Kentucky 71-68, winning at Rupp Arena for the first time in 14 years and giving coach Lamont Paris his first SEC victory.

The win was just the third for the Gamecocks (8-8, 1-2) in 31 games at Kentucky (10-6, 1-3) and the first at Rupp Arena since January 2009.

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Gregory "GG" Jackson II added 16 points for the Gamecocks, who shot 48%, making 11 of 20 3-point attempts, outscoring the Wildcats 21-12 on second-chance points and surviving 15 turnovers.

Oscar Tshiebwe scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, his ninth double this season for Kentucky. CJ Fredrick added 14 points and Antonio Reeves 13, both off the bench. The Wildcats shot 51% but made just 3 of 10 from the arc and 7 of 14 from the foul stripe.

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Kentucky was missing forward Jacob Toppin with a right shoulder injury and guard Cason Wallace left midway through the first half with a lower back issue. Both are double-figure scorers. Toppin's status is day-to-day.

South Carolina led throughout and was up by 12 with 13 minutes remaining. Kentucky made a couple of runs at the Gamecocks and got within a point with 51 seconds to go after a 10-0 surge with Reeves and Fredrick hitting 3-pointers. Johnson then lost an inbounds pass out of bounds with 20.2 left, the fourth turnover during the Wildcats' run. But Kentucky missed a pair of 3-point attempts to end the game.

Both teams were coming off lopsided losses to top-10 teams, Kentucky falling to Alabama 78-52 and South Carolina losing to Tennessee 85-42. But only the Gamecocks responded at the start, taking a 21-6 lead in the first seven minutes and a 42-32 halftime edge after shooting 57% with Johnson scoring 16 points.

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Edey scores 30 as No. 1 Purdue surges past Penn State 76-63

BY KEVIN COONEY
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PHILADELPHIA — Zach Edey scored 30 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and helped a furious 12-0 run to start the second half as No. 1 Purdue rallied to defeat Penn State 76-63 before a sold-out crowd at the Palestra on Sunday night.

Fletcher Loyer scored 17 points while Braden Smith added 15 to help the Boilermakers improve to 15-1 overall.

"We had some good looks at the basket and good looks from the perimeter," Purdue head coach Matt Painter said. "Fletcher got some really good looks in the second half after not getting good ones in the first."

Despite Jalen Pickett's 26 points, Penn State (11-5, 2-3 Big Ten) fell to 0-13 lifetime when facing the top-ranked team in the nation.

"We have to be better," Penn State coach Micah Shrewsberry said.

Edey, a 7-foot-4 junior center, was a nightmare from the start for the Nittany Lions. He scored Purdue's first six points of the game, drew double teams most of the night and was able to move the ball from the low block.

Pickett scored 18 of his points in the first half, ending the session with an up and under shovel past Edey's outstretched arms, giving the Nittany Lions a 37-31 advantage at the halftime buzzer.

"They were hitting really tough shots, and they were knocking them down in the first half," Edey said. "They hit those scoop shots, so we just kept playing how we wanted to play and things would get better."

Purdue took the game over in the second half, shooting 66.7% from the floor (18 of 27). Edey scored 18 of his points in the second half while Loyer had 14 in the second half.

"We just kept sticking to what we wanted to do," Edey said. "We have really good shooters, and they were going down for them. But we started to knock shots down, that opened up some things in the post and we took advantage of it after that."

The Nittany Lions shot just 11 for 30 from the floor in the second half and 2 of 10 from beyond the 3-point arc. After the game, Shrewsberry expressed frustration about the officiating, which combined to award just three foul shots to the Lions and 10 overall.

"You get frustrated after a while because it's not a one-time thing — it's an every-time thing," said Shrewsberry, who drew a second-half technical foul. "We shot three free throws. It was a really physical game and the game didn't warrant 10 free throws. Both teams were fouling and if we want to be the best league in the country, then we need the officials to be the best in the country.

"This has nothing to do with Purdue, man. Purdue kicked our (butts) in the second half. That was all them. But I'm always going to fight for my guys."

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: Any team that will face the Boilermakers will have a matchup issue against Edey, who is dominating in the middle and able to move gracefully in the paint when needed.

Penn State: The Nittany Lions' bid to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2011 would have received a huge boost with a win over Purdue. They have two games against ranked teams in the next nine days — at home against No. 15 Indiana and a trip to No. 14 Wisconsin on Jan. 17 — that would go a long way to helping Penn State's resume.

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Surging Northwestern upends No. 15 Indiana, 84-83

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
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BLOOMINGTON — Boo Buie scored 26 points and Northwestern beat No. 15 Indiana 84-83 on Sunday for its second road victory against a ranked opponent this season.

The Wildcats (12-3, 3-1 Big Ten), who knocked off then-No. 20 Michigan State 70-63 on Dec. 4, have won seven of eight games.

"It just shows our toughness," said Buie, who made 10 of 18 shots. "We only have one goal this year, win more games than we lose, and we're just trying to make the NCAA Tournament."

Chase Audige had 19 points and eight assists for the Wildcats. Robbie Beran and Ty Berry each added 13 points.

"We have a lot of heart," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said. "We're not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, we have a lot of limitations, but our guys really battle. They really fight. And there's power when you have a together group."

Indiana (10-5, 1-3) has lost four of six.

Freshman Jalen Hood-Schifino led the Hoosiers with a career-best 33 points on 12-of-17 shooting, including five 3s. Trayce Jackson-Davis had 18 points, a career-high 24 rebounds and eight assists.

Hood-Schifino's 33 points are the most for an Indiana freshman since Eric Gordon in 2007.

"Our ability to get 25 points off the turnovers was a huge stat to the game. ... They weren't able to get their defense set and we were able to attack in transition and get some easy (baskets)."

— Chris Collins
Northwestern coach

"Obviously he's one of our best players," Jackson-Davis said. "We need him to make plays and that's what he did. He made big shot after big shot. Props to him because he really helped put the team on his back when we needed scoring."

Indiana coach Mike Woodson said his team has been outworked in the last two losses.

"It's my job to get 'em to play harder," Woodson said. "And that might cure a lot of problems when you're struggling."

Indiana had 16 turnovers, nine more than Northwestern, and the visitors enjoyed a 25-6 scoring edge off turnovers.

"Our ability to get 25 points off the turnovers was a huge stat to the game," Collins said. "They weren't able to get their defense set and we were able to attack in transition and get some easy (baskets)."

Northwestern hit 10 of its first 14 shots to seize the early lead, was ahead by as many as 17 points in the first half and relied upon superior depth to stay ahead by double digits for much of the second half until the final minutes.

"We come into these atmospheres ready to go, right from the jump, and throw that first punch," Buie said.

BIG PICTURE

Northwestern: After five consecutive losing seasons, the Wildcats returned four starters for a third consecutive year and appear poised to make the NCAA Tournament. Collins' team is worthy of being ranked.

Indiana: Hood-Schifino has been an excellent alternative to injured senior Xavier Johnson, but the Hoosiers are hurting without senior Race Thompson, who suffered a knee injury in the previous game and like Johnson is out indefinitely. Jackson-Davis and Hood-Schifino need more help from others.

Next: Indiana visited Penn State Wednesday before hosting Wisconsin Saturday (**TV:** Live on CBS at 1 p.m.)

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Poor results send Indy into uncertain offseason

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Jeff Saturday spent Monday thanking players for their effort over the Indianapolis Colts' final eight games and arguing to keep his coaching title — minus the interim tag.

He'll get that answer and others in time. First, this franchise must figure out what's next.

One day after finishing a dismal 4-12-1 season with another last-minute collapse, the Colts began trying to determine what went wrong, what must change and who returns from what appears to be an uncertain and perhaps tumultuous offseason.

"It was a tough year," 37-yer-old quarterback Matt Ryan said. "Personally, for the team, I think for all of us, it was hard and disappointing. We came into the season with high expectations. The season didn't work out the way we thought it would. I think all of us need a little bit of a break."

They're getting a longer vacation than expected after missing the playoffs for the third time in four years. Indy has only one postseason win since reaching the AFC championship game in the 2014 season.

But there's a larger problem.

Indy almost certainly will start its seventh straight season with a new starting quarterback and this season, the instability proved costly.

In October, the Colts benched Ryan for the first time and fired offensive coordinator Marcus Brady. In November, owner Jim Irsay fired Frank Reich, the play-calling coach, and brought back Saturday, the popular former center who was working as an ESPN studio analyst.

Nothing really changed, though.

After winning his first game at Las Vegas, Saturday and the Colts lost their last seven to secure the No. 4 overall draft pick in April — and perhaps a new franchise quarterback.

So who will be running the show next fall? Some players praised Saturday for the job he did under challenging circumstances. But Irsay and general manager Chris Ballard may look to someone who has a stronger resume and better track record.

Irsay also has promised to conduct a full search that will comply with the Rooney Rule even though he has indicated Saturday will be in the mix.

"Head coach is unknown until the interview process goes forward," Irsay said in a recent ESPN interview. "I will go into it open minded, looking for the best direction for us to win. Jeff, I believe, is an outstanding candidate."

But hiring a coach, or keeping Saturday, will only be the start.

If Irsay also keeps Ballard as general manager, as Irsay has said, Ballard must solve the mystery of an offensive line that went from strength to weakness seemingly overnight. Indy allowed the second-highest sacks total (60) and finished 23rd in rushing (109.8 yards).

"We just could never get the run game going and that was kind of the Achilles' heel," center Ryan Kelly said. "There were a lot of communication breakdowns when it comes to protection, you just wish there were a lot of things you could do better. There were just a multitude of situations and we've just got to play better next year."

QB CAROUSEL

It was a challenging season for all three quarterbacks, each of whom made multiple starts. But there's no assurance Ryan or 33-year-old Nick Foles will return next season.

Ryan was tied for second in the league with 18 giveaways despite missing five games while getting benched twice. Foles, the Super Bowl MVP following the 2017 season, went 0-2 as the starter before a rib injury in Week 17 ended his season.

Cutting both could create $19 million in salary cap savings though Ryan isn't retiring yet.

"I still love playing, still feel like I've got a lot of good football left in my body," Ryan said.

NEXT STEPS

In addition to determining the most critical parts of the team's brain trust — general manager, coach and quarterback — the Colts have plenty of other work to do, too.

A new coach will be hiring new staff members. Five key players are about to become unrestricted free agents and running back Jonathan Taylor and receiver Michael Pittman Jr., their top two offensive playmakers, both are entering the final years of their rookie deals next fall.

Plus, three-time All-Pro linebacker Shaquille Leonard is still recovering from a second back surgery.

SATURDAY'S CASE

While Saturday continues to say he wants to keep the coaching job, he downplayed the team's record under his leadership. Instead, he talked about having a short-handed coaching staff and why his situation differed from that of Carolina interim coach Steve Wilks, who went 6-6 after replacing the fired Matt Rhule.

And though he didn't provide specifics, Saturday explained things would look quite different next season if he is back.

"From the audition perspective, I've learned and I'm hoping that those lessons are valuable to say 'Hey, I've seen the inner workings of what I like and don't like' and I can make adjustments in that," he said. "There's a lot of great coaches out there that coached a long time and the last eight games hadn't gone the way they wanted them to go, right?"

Ballard will be patient in finding right coach for Colts

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INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard learned one key lesson from his previous coaching search.

Patience pays off.

On Tuesday, two days after the Colts completed a 4-12-1 season and locked up the No. 4 overall draft pick, Ballard told reporters he would not rush to hire a new coach and could wait until after the Super Bowl if it meant getting the right candidate.

"A lot of times what happens is you get a vision of what you want, like you've made your mind up and you might ignore somebody that's really good right in front of your face," Ballard said at his annual season-ending news conference.

"We've got a very detailed process put together on the traits and attributes we're looking for in a head coach, don't care what side of the ball, and then, be patient, take your time and make sure we have a thorough interview with everybody."

Back in 2018, Ballard didn't get his man until February though it wasn't by design.

Josh McDaniels initially agreed to take Indy's job then backed out after New England lost the Super Bowl to Philadelphia. Ballard then began a new search and chose Frank Reich, who led the Colts to two playoff appearances before he was fired Nov. 7.

Now, the Colts are searching for Reich's successor.

But aside from confirming interim coach Jeff Saturday will interview for the full-time job, Ballard declined to identify any other specific candidates.

Indy has reportedly sought permission to interview Detroit's offensive and defensive coordinators, Ben Johnson and Aaron Glenn, Philadelphia offensive coordinator Shane Steichen and Los Angeles Rams defensive coordinator Raheem Morris.

Of course, there are also rumors swirling about Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, Peyton Manning's predecessor as Indy's quarterback.

Ballard said he would consider college coaches.

The current pool would put Indy in compliance with the Rooney Rule's framework, something team owner Jim Irsay promised to do after drawing criticism for the unusual midseason hire of Saturday who had been working as an ESPN studio analyst. Saturday won his coaching debut at Las Vegas then lost the final seven games.

Ballard blamed himself for putting Reich, Saturday and the Colts in the poor predicament.

"Look, I failed," he said. "I'm not going to sit up here and make excuses. I failed a lot of people, highly disappointed about where we're at, how the season went. I never take lightly what's at stake here. It's not the wins and losses. People's lives are on the line. Players' families, coaches' families, front office, people in this building. And I don't ever take that lightly."

He'll use a similar philosophy as he embarks on a coaching search that could take weeks. Still, one thing is clear.

"I'll lead the search. Ultimately, Mr. Irsay makes the final call," Ballard said. "There are 32 teams, 32 owners, they own the team. We give them our thoughts, and Mr. Irsay's a good listener, and ultimately, he'll make the final call, but he'll lean heavily on our work and what we do."

What would make the Colts' job more attractive?

Perhaps a higher draft pick to ensure the Colts get the new, young franchise quarterback they've coveted since Andrew Luck's surprise retirement in August 2019. Ballard said he would be willing to make a deal to move up — for the right player.

"I'd do whatever it takes," he said. "If we thought there was a player that we're driven to get, that makes the franchise and the team better, that's what we would do."

Ballard declined to evaluate the quarterback draft class that is expected to be led by 2021 Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young of Alabama, two-time Heisman finalist C.J. Stroud of Ohio State and Manning Passing Academy grad Will Levis of Kentucky.

Indy still has two veterans, 37-year-old Matt Ryan and 33-year-old Nick Foles, and 24-year-old Sam Ehlinger under contract next season.

Releasing Ryan and Foles could create about $19.5 million in salary cap room.

Ryan finished tied for second in the NFL with 18 turnovers last season, was benched twice and injured his throwing shoulder in October.

Foles started twice but suffered a season-ending rib injury in a New Year's Day loss at the New York Giants.

While most outsiders expect the Colts to draft Ryan's eventual replacement, Ballard said he hasn't decided what to do with Ryan or Foles because he has a bigger decision to make first.

"I had a good talk with Matt (on Monday). We will work through that," Ballard said. "It's about our head coach. Our staff is evaluating the roster. Right now, the priority of the organization is to get the right head football coach."

Houston back at AP No. 1; Kansas State jumps to 11th

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Houston is back at No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll for the second time this season. The Cougars claimed 34 of 60 first-place votes in Monday's latest poll to return to the top after a two-week stay there earlier this season. They led No. 2 Kansas and No. 3 Purdue. Kansas State also continued its strong start by leaping from unranked to No. 11 under first-year coach Jerome Tang. No. 19 Providence, No. 23 San Diego State and No. 25 Marquette joined Kansas State as new additions. Indiana, Baylor, New Mexico and Ohio State fell out.

Houston is back at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll for the second time this season, while Kansas State continued its unexpectedly strong start by leaping from unranked to the verge of the top 10.

The Cougars received 34 of 60 first-place votes in Monday's poll to return to the top after a two-week stay there earlier this season. Kansas was second and had 22 first-place votes, while Purdue fell from No. 1 to No. 3 and got the other four first-place votes after suffering its first loss at Rutgers last week.

Before this season, the Cougars (16-1) hadn't been No. 1 since the high-flying "Phi Slama Jama" days of the 1980s.

"Every team, you just have to bring them along because they're all different," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said after Sunday's win at Cincinnati. "Our DNA remains the same, but the faces change. … As the season goes on, guys get better and better."

Kansas State jumped to No. 11 after an impressive week with two road wins against ranked opponents under first-year coach Jerome Tang. Picked to finish last in the 10-team Big 12, the Wildcats scored 116 points at Texas then edged Baylor 97-95 in overtime.

That helped Kansas State (14-1) match its best start since the 1958-59 season, while bringing the Wildcats back into the AP Top 25 for the first time since the end of the 2018-19 season.

"We're not trying to prove doubters (wrong)," Tang said after the Baylor win. "We're trying to just continue to believe in ourselves ... That's a great accomplishment for these young men. But none of that matters if we lay an egg the next game, right?"

THE TOP TIER

Alabama and Tennessee gave the Southeastern Conference a pair of top-five teams, with the Crimson Tide returning to No. 4 for the first time since spending a week there in December and the Volunteers hitting their season high at fifth.

Connecticut, UCLA, Gonzaga, Arizona and Texas rounded out the top 10, with the Longhorns falling four spots after a tumultuous week that included the firing of coach Chris Beard as he faces a felony domestic family violence charge.

RISING

No. 14 Iowa State climbed nine spots after road wins against Oklahoma and No. 17 TCU. No. 12 Xavier rose six spots after pushing its winning streak to nine games. In all, 10 teams climbed from last week's poll.

SLIDING

No. 24 Duke took the week's biggest tumble, falling eight spots after a blowout loss at North Carolina State followed by a narrow win at Boston College. No. 16 Miami and No. 18 Wisconsin joined Arizona and Texas in falling four spots. In all, nine teams fell from last week's rankings.

STATUS QUO

TCU and No. 20 Missouri were the only teams to hold their position from last week.

WELCOME

While Kansas State grabbed the spotlight for the week's new additions, the Big East added two teams with No. 19 Providence and No. 25 Marquette joining the poll. It marked the first appearance this year for the Friars and second for the Golden Eagles.

No. 23 San Diego State also returned for a second stint in the poll this year.

FAREWELL (FOR NOW)

Indiana (No. 15), Baylor (No. 19), New Mexico (No. 21) and Ohio State (No. 24) fell out of the poll, with Scott Drew's Bears now unranked for the first time since the 2018-19 season.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 and SEC each had five ranked teams to lead the country, followed by the Big East with four teams. The Atlantic Coast Conference had three, while the Big Ten and Pac-12 each had two.

Johnson to drive No. 84 for rebranded Legacy

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson on Wednesday revealed his rebranded NASCAR team and said he will drive the No. 84 — the reverse of his longtime No. 48 — when the seven-time champion competes for Legacy Motor Club.

Legacy Motor Club replaces Petty GMS, the name the two-car Cup team had last year when Maury Gallagher became the primary owner of Richard Petty's organization. Johnson bought into the ownership group in November, and with two of NASCAR's seven-time champions part of the team, the name change was fitting.

Jimmie Johnson

"With the addition of Jimmie in an ownership role, we knew change was inevitable with his experience and knowledge," said Gallagher, who is entering his second year of Cup ownership.

"Our goal is to win races, win championships and to represent our partners by performing at the highest level. The new image of Legacy M.C. is something that will allow us to stand out and foster a team environment that breeds success."

Legacy M.C. will field a pair of full-time Chevrolets for Erik Jones in Petty's famed No. 43, and Noah Gragson will join the team in the No. 42 this season.

Johnson, who has so far only announced he will enter the Daytona 500 next month, will pilot the No. 84 when he races.

Johnson drove the No. 48 for his entire Cup career with Hendrick Motorsports, as well as the last two seasons in IndyCar. Alex Bowman currently drives Johnson's old No. 48 at Hendrick, forcing Johnson to find a new number for his NASCAR return.

"After brainstorming about the new name of our team, Maury and I recognized the opportunity to do something special and different," Johnson said. "We felt it was important to have a name that honored the past and acknowledged the future. The term 'Motor Club' is a nod to car clubs of the past. Legacy M.C. will be an inclusive club for the automobile racing enthusiast.

"I am excited to be a part of a story so rich in heritage and look forward to creating a new legacy in this sport outside of the race car."

Johnson told The Associated Press later Wednesday he's still working on his 2023 schedule, including partnership announcements.

Carvana, which sponsored Johnson's two seasons of IndyCar, said it will be his sponsor for the Daytona 500.

Johnson is a two-time Daytona 500 winner.